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Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

Tech Advances May Make Desalination More Prevalent

Research into improving desalination of sea water has seen two promising developments that might significantly reduce the cost of the process, according to their researchers. Putting water on a competitive basis with the current water supply could be a boon in California, which is short of water in some years. Some have even suggested cheap desalination could remove the need to build the

proposed twin tunnels in the Delta, which are part of the State Water Project (SWP). The Valley is served by the SWP through Zone 7 Water Agency. As yet, research is still ongoing into various ways to enhance desalination. A technology developed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is based on carbon nanotubes, which are special molecules made of carbon

atoms in a unique arrangement. They allow liquids and gases to rapidly flow through, while the tiny pore size can block larger molecules, offering a cheaper way to remove salt from water. The process was licensed in 2009 to a firm begun by Olga Bakajin. She was part of the Lab's research team that discovered the process. Bakajin left LLNL to found her own company,

Porifera, which is located in Hayward. She obtained licensing from LLNL to use the method in manufacturing the filtration product, said company vice president Jeffrey Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn said that research so far indicates that the membranes "appear to be 10 times better than commercially available membranes." More filter efficiency can reduce costs dramatically,

because less power would be used to filter more water. However, another consideration is the cost of buying the equipment. It's not clear what the cost would be. The new process is still in research. Mendelssohn estimated it could be another five years before it would be ready to go to market. Further, it may take another five years for the water industry to try it out. The (See RESEARCH, page 4)

Services Increased to Inmate Survivors

Tri-Valley Haven, working in conjunction with Santa Rita Jail, is set to provide much-needed services to incarcerated survivors of sexual assault. This partnership is being undertaken in spite of the fact that the Haven is facing a 25% funding cut to prevention services from the California Department of Public Health. The services to be provided by Tri-Valley Haven are in accordance with the national standards set by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. These include access for inmates who have been sexually assaulted to the Haven's 24 hour crisis line, in-person counseling by trained Tri-Valley Haven advocates, and crisis intervention.

Access to services can decrease re-traumatization and the fear inmates have in coming forward after being assaulted. When victims of prison rape are released--as the majority of inmates are-- and rejoin our communities, they often suffer a psychological toll from their victimization that can inhibit their ability to become productive members of society.

Professional sexual assault counselors from Tri-Valley Haven assist incarcerated inmates. (See SERVICES, page 2)

Streets Closed for RR Track Work

The City of Pleasanton reports that three downtown streets will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. All work will begin on the scheduled days at 8:30 a.m. and continue through approximately 5:00 p.m. During these periods, the rail crossing will be removed and completely renovated.

Actual construction on the tracks will begin after the last morning Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) train passes through the crossing and the tracks will be re-installed in advance of the afternoon ACE train schedule. The ACE train schedule should not be affected by the construction. The scheduled work will affect the following railroad crossings in Pleasanton:

- Angela Avenue: Monday and Tuesday, July 22-23
- Rose Avenue: Wednesday and Thursday, July 24-25
- St. Mary Street: Monday and Tuesday, July 29-30

Concrete barriers will be installed on both sides of the tracks to ensure that motorists do not attempt to cross. Detour signs will be posted to notify motorists of an alternative route across the railroad tracks. Parking may also be restricted adjacent to the tracks. Please watch for and obey all traffic signs. For additional information, please contact City Engineer Steve Kirkpatrick at (925) 931-5676.



On the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, a Civil War Encampment was held last Saturday at the Museum on Main on the front lawn in Pleasanton. Civil War re-enactors presented the daily lives of Johnny Reb and Billy Yank on campaign, discussing how they lived, what they ate, what they wore, and how they were armed. The troops received a visit from President Lincoln. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tesla, Chain of Lakes Stay On List Of Future Park Sites

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) directors approved a list of 16 parks for inclusion in the district master plan. The action at the board's meeting in Oakland on July 16 was unanimous. The list includes parks next to the Bay and Carquinez Strait, as well as some inland sites. Two of the parks are in the Valley. They are Tesla and Chain of Lakes. Both were first put on the list in 1997. The vote on Tuesday was a reaffirmation that the district is interested in opportunities to develop parks at those locations, said assistant general manager Mike Anderson. Tesla is currently planned for off-road vehicle use. The park district does not (See PARKS, page 4)

County Policy on Ag Land Solar Power Moves to CEQA Stage

By Ron McNicoll
A new draft of solar power policies for rural installations in East County is moving ahead with a supervisor's direction to staff to prepare an environmental document for a general plan amendment. Supervisor Scott Haggerty, chairman of the Alameda County Supervisors Board's Transportation and Planning Committee, gave the direction to staff. The other committee member, Nate Miley, was absent. The five-member board places only two supervisors on each of its committees, so that there would be no three-member quorum of the full

board when an issue comes to a vote. Most of the East County agricultural land is located in the 1st District, which is represented by Haggerty. Staff members will spend time discussing among themselves whether a full EIR or a negative declaration would be prepared. Then the environmental document will go through the same public process that the draft policy did, with stops at a public information and discussion meeting, the planning commission, the agricultural advisory commission, and finally the board of supervisors. The supervisors might not see it

until spring, said planning director Albert Lopez. The draft, in its current form, would allow construction of Solar Energy Facilities (SEF) for exporting power from Valley agricultural land to the regional power grid on a case-by-case approval. There would be a cap, yet to be determined, on how much of the county's 3000 acres of "Important Farmland" could be used. A cap ranging between 500 and 1000 has been discussed. The policy says that the county will give "highest priority" to the encouragement of urban solar development. Urban solar instal-

lations are usually placed on rooftops. They supply electricity to the property on which they are installed. People concerned about saving agricultural land from solar installations said it's important to cut the electricity demand by encouraging urban solar installations. The urban solar facilities would be in Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, and other unincorporated towns, all of them in Miley's district. The county would develop policies such as solar empowerment zones to encourage private property owners to install solar panels. The proposed policy also

encourages solar installations on industrially impacted rural lands, such as quarries, landfills, and water treatment facilities. In South Livermore, which has its own special county plan, the removal of vineyards for installation of solar panels will not be permitted. However, structures could be placed on buildings or on the ground, if they are on an impervious surface, and within the designated building envelope. The policy draft also mentions the possibility of establishing a "local host impact fee" or "other forms of fees" for solar energy fa- (See SOLAR, page 4)

New Subcommittee to Monitor State Legislature

The Pleasanton City Council endorsed staff's suggestion to create a subcommittee to monitor state legislation. The idea is to create a more formal process to allow for timely responses in support or opposition to proposed laws. The subcommittee would identify legislation of concern to the city, look into the impacts, then report to the rest of the council on a recommendation. The council would vote on the recommendation. If there were agreement, a letter

from the council would be sent to Sacramento. Currently, much of the analysis of proposed legislation the city receives comes from the League of California Cities, which takes pro and con positions. The city doesn't always agree with the positions taken by the League. The subcommittee would look at other sources to provide information. Staff listed several potential bills that should be monitored. AB 210 would allow Alameda County to impose (See MONITOR, page 4)



Three deer looked like statues as they stood in North Livermore. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK
Charming Sabrina is a magical Abyssinian-mix with bewitching golden eyes and a twitchy tail. The tiny one-year-old feline will enchant your heart with her affectionate antics. Enjoy a spellbinding visit with Sabrina at Valley Humane Society (VHS), Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit valleyhumane.org for an event, or to buy tickets for The Great Catsby, July 27, an evening of gambling and glorious revelry, '20s-style. Photo - Valley Humane Society/J. Xia

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Innovation Forum Set for Next Thursday

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce along with the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group will host the 5th Annual Tri-Valley Innovation Forum on Thurs., July 25.

It will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton. It includes an innovation expo and networking from 10 a.m. to noon followed by a luncheon program ending at 1:30 p.m.

The expo is designed to showcase the many innovative companies and organizations from around the Tri-Valley. Tech journalist Andrew Keen will moderate a panel of experts discussing the infrastructure needed for an innovation economy.

Tickets for the event are \$45.00 for Livermore Valley Chamber members or \$50.00 for non-members. Event registration and information is available at www.livermorechamber.org.

Annual Chili Cook-off at the Fairgrounds

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty is holding his 17th annual Chili Cook-off and BBQ on Fri., July 26 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Among the confirmed Chili Cook-off participants are local police and firefighters.

Haggerty represents District 1, which includes Dublin and Livermore.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. A social hour will be followed by dinner of steak, chicken, garlic bread, salad, chili beans and dessert. Soft drinks, beer and wine are included in the price. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for children under age 12.

Entertainment will be provided by Slippery Road.

All tickets will be held at the event. For more information, contact Shawn Wilson at 510-710-6248.

Axis Health Grant

Axis Community Health received a grant for \$155,690 from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It will enable Axis to hire more outreach workers to provide enrollment assistance and information about the affordable health coverage options made available by the Affordable Care Act.

Alameda County received \$138,552.

In total, \$150 million was granted to 1,159 Health Centers across the nation to enroll uninsured Americans in new health coverage options. The Centers will hire an additional 2,900 outreach and eligibility assistance workers to assist millions of people nationwide with enrollment.

"This funding is critical. It gives us the ability to reach thousands of low-income Tri-Valley residents who presently do not have access to basic healthcare and are now eligible for coverage through the Affordable Care Act," said Sue Compton, CEO, Axis Community Health. "The funds will be used to hire four new staff in our outreach and Medi-Cal enrollment

assistance program. The funding's arrival is timely for Axis. We are in the midst of expanding our medical services capacity to meet the growing need for affordable care and are opening a new clinic next year. We want to be sure to help everyone in need of care and these funds will help us do that."

Ralph Silber, Executive Director, Alameda Health Consortium, stated "Health centers are well poised to make ObamaCare a reality. We are in the neighborhoods and speak the languages. Last year in the Alameda County area alone, we helped more than 170,000 people get access to affordable health care."

Embezzlement Arrest

Members of the Parent Faculty Club (PFC) Board of the Dublin Unified School District, Dougherty Elementary School contacted Dublin Police in November 2012 and reported that they suspected that the former President of the PFC had embezzled funds from the organization. The alleged embezzlement occurred between July 2011 and August 2012.

In July of 2012, a new PFC Board was elected. The Board assumed office and determined that they needed to have an independent audit conducted by an accounting firm of the finances. The audit revealed discrepancies, which prompted the PFC Board to contact Dublin Police and an investigation was conducted immediately.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the completed investigation was presented to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. A felony arrest warrant was issued

for former President of the Dougherty Elementary Parent Faculty Club, Jaylene Leslie, in connection with the embezzlement. Jaylene Leslie was subsequently placed under arrest for embezzlement and grand theft and booked into the Santa Rita Jail where she is being held in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

DSRSD Board Member Named to LAFCO

Georean M. Vonheeder-Leopold was elected yesterday to the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) as the Alternate Special District Representative. Her four-year term begins July 11, 2013 and ends in May 2017.

Currently, Vonheeder-Leopold serves as Vice President of the Dublin San Ramon Services District, where she has been a board member from 1992 to 2000 and from 2009 to the present. She also serves as Historian for the City of Dublin (since 2008), Treasurer of the Dublin Historical Preservation Association (since 2005), and Treasurer of the Dublin Fine Arts Foundation (since 1997).

In 1977, she began serving on the Dublin Municipal Advisory Committee. She worked on the campaigns to incorporate Dublin and San Ramon that led to incorporation elections for the City of Dublin in 1982 and the City of San Ramon in 1983. She served on the first Dublin Planning Commission, which was tasked with writing the first general plan. She voted for the approval of the plan as a Planning Commissioner, and one month later, in April 1984, as a city councilmember.

101st Alameda County Fair Wraps on Historic Note

Horse racing jockey Russell Baze achieved his 12,000th career win at this year's 101st Alameda County Fair, remaining the most winning jockey in North America. The annual summer fest closed July 7th with an impressive attendance despite seven days of scorching heat, a day of rain and a weeklong BART strike; all affecting this year's event yet the fair achieved an all-time record-setting opening day attendance of 31,389 up 2.3% over last year's 30,692 opening day patrons.

Jerome Hoban, the Fair's new Chief Executive Officer looks to the future stating, "101 years of proud tradition

was evident at the Alameda County Fair this year. It was an honor to be part of the seventeen day celebration that highlighted our community's accomplishments and heritage. I can't wait to see what the 2014 Fair brings us."

Facts and figures: Total Attendance - 391,426; Horse Racing Track Attendance - 49,691; On-Track Handle up 3%; Fair Volunteers - 984 Total Volunteers; Volunteer Hours - 12,000 Hours; Competitive Exhibits Entries - 18,764 up 10%; Exhibitors - 4,937, Jr. Livestock Auction - \$557,847 per animal sales up 3%; Small Animal Sales - \$39,649; Fine Art Sales

- \$14,206; Contest Entries - 546; and Dogs adopted - 114 in 2013, 485 since Puppy Party Palooza started adoptions here in 2009

Food Consumed: Corn dogs - 100,336; Funnel Cakes - 44,519; Turkey Legs - 8,135; Deep Fried Nutella - 1,670; Crispy Crème Donut Burger - 1,845; and Pineapple Upside-Down Cake - 2,550.

The non-profit Fair Association continues to provide a significant public benefit without receiving any tax support. In addition to maintaining and enhancing the existing facilities, the Fair Association originally purchased the 268-acre fair-

grounds in the 1930s and deeded the property to the County of Alameda in the 1940s.

With the "Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America," the Fair Association hopes to continually enhance its horse training and racing program in Pleasanton.

For more information, please visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

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cerated victims of sexual assault, by providing them with positive coping skills, support, and options.

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault. Prevention programs which decrease domestic and sexual violence in our communities are essential. Given the recent cuts, The Haven is reaching

out to the local civic and business groups, including Wells Fargo Bank, in hopes to secure local prevention funds. Together we can build a world without violence.

For more information about the Haven please visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 449-5842.



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New Stores Among Changes at Stoneridge Shopping Center

A lot of changes are taking place at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton this year. Between relocations, renovations and new store openings, 2013 has been and will continue to be a busy year for the property.

One of the biggest an-

nouncements is the arrival of lululemon athletica. This will be the first location in the Tri-Valley area for the yoga-clothing retailer. The new store is anticipated to open its 2,800-square-foot space in early December.

Stoneridge Shopping Center has already wel-

comed a number of new shops this year. White House 1 Black Market opened a 3,283 square-foot boutique on May 2 in Grand Court. Additionally, Clark's opened in late March and Pandora Jewelry in April.

More stores slated to open this year include PINK,

LOFT, Spencer's Gifts and Kids Foot Locker. In July, LOFT, which sells women's apparel, will be opening in the old Lane Bryant space, which is now open in its new location on the upper level near Nordstrom. The PINK store will debut later this summer. Spencer's Gifts

will join the upper level outside of Jcpenney in early fall. Construction of Kids Foot Locker will begin this summer, with an expected open this fall.

Other stores may seem new, but are just operating in a new space. Forever 21 expanded into a new two-level 21,000-square-foot space near Macy's Women in March. On the lower level, Torrid relocated in February near Nordstrom and Sports Fever expanded into a new space near JcPenney in May.

Shoppers can also expect to see some additional changes for current retailers. Victoria's Secret is undergoing a complete renovation in its current space, which is open during construction, and is expected to be complete later this summer. Ave-da and Select Comfort have both relocated to the lower level near Jcpenney, while Sunglass Hut is expected to open a new store on the upper level near Banana Republic in early August. Currently, Sunglass Hut is open in its current location.

"It's been a very exciting year for us, with a lot for our shoppers to be excited about," said Carrie Williams, Director of Marketing and Business Development

at Stoneridge Shopping Center. "We are thrilled for new retailers like lululemon athletica and PINK to join the property, but also to see some of the mall favorites revamping and expanding their stores."

For more information about Stoneridge Shopping Center, visit: <http://www.simon.com/mall/stoneridge-shopping-center>.

Shoppers can also stay current on mall happenings by becoming a fan on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stoneridge-shoppingcenter> and following the shopping center on Twitter @ShopStoneridge.

Rotary Foundation of Livermore Funds New Equipment for Axis Community Health

For decades, Axis Community Health has provided medical care for thousands of people in the Tri-Valley. As the sole provider of primary medical care for low-income and uninsured families, Axis's services are vital. So when Axis needed new equipment for its clinics, it turned to an organization that focuses on the needs of the community, the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

Through its grant program, the Foundation provided \$7,090 for the purchase of two new autoclaves, machines used to sterilize medical equipment, which is essential to preventing infections and providing high-quality care. The Foundation focuses on grants that benefit youth, and, according to Lori Souza, Foundation Grants Committee Chair, the committee selected the project because "Axis is a well-established, reputable organization that serves a wide-range of patients and the autoclaves will have an enduring benefit to youth."

"Autoclaves prevent infections and we cannot function without them. The new machines replace ones that are over ten years old," said Sue Compton, CEO of Axis. Axis serves 12,000 medical patients and 25% are 19 or under. Children and youth are 3 to 5 times more susceptible to infectious diseases than adults because their immune systems are still developing the ability



Rotarians check out the new autoclave at the Axis Community Health Livermore clinic purchased with a grant from the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. Pictured (left to right) are Axis pediatrician Dr. Nurjehan Kurwa, Lori Souza, Nancy Steel, Kathy Streeter, and Fred Quarterman. Photo - Chrissy Gray/Bella Luna Studios

to fend off bacteria.

The machines have been installed at Axis's Livermore and Pleasanton clinics. Sixty-four percent of Axis patients are Livermore residents and these patients use both sites for their medical visits, according to Compton.

Now in its 26th year, the Rotarian Foundation has awarded over \$1 million in grants to local organizations to support projects that impact youth. "Because of the Foundation's support, we can continue to ensure patients receive safe, high-quality care. We greatly appreciate the Rotarians' longstanding history

of supporting projects that improve the quality of life for local residents in need,

particularly children. This grant again demonstrates that heart and care."

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EDITORIAL

Helping Veterans

Two upcoming events are aimed at assisting veterans.

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett and Senator Mark DeSaulnier will co-host a Veterans Resource Fair at the Pleasanton Memorial Veterans Hall on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fair will feature booths manned by a number of veteran service organizations. There will be resources to help veterans with education, employment, housing and other issues. The fair also will include a presentation on financial literacy and fraud prevention. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will have claim representatives on hand to check the progress of pending VA claims.

On July 19, the Las Positas College Veterans First Program will hold its fifth annual "Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success" seminar. The one-day orientation symposium focuses on educational opportunities for returning veterans. It will be held at the Las Positas College campus in Livermore from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The symposium will include education and career planning, classroom expectations, finance and benefits information, campus life, community resources and veteran support services.

This past academic year, more than 400 veterans or active duty military personnel were enrolled at Las Positas College.

At a time when the number of veterans returning to civilian life will likely be growing, such programs are especially important

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ilities. The money possibly could support agricultural activities in other parts of East County, such as viticulture enhancement in South Livermore.

Rich Cimino, conservation chair of the Ohlone Chapter of the Audubon Society, spoke at the meeting. He told The Independent later that although he opposes allowing solar installations on any prime farmland, he did ask that planning staff consider instituting the 500-acre cap on solar structures there. Cimino said that he also dislikes the lack of a cap on the remainder of Valley agricultural areas, because it could open thousands of acres to solar panels.

The other public speaker

at the meeting, Dick Schneider, has been advocating for the county to make urban solar development a priority. He said that he was pleased to hear that it will be, but added that much needs to be done to form a specific plan.

The process of drawing up the solar policy draft began in spring 2011, and has gone through seven public meetings and several draft revisions.

A proposal by Pegasus Energy Partners for a solar installation on 2000 to 3000 acres of prime farmland in the eastern Altamont prompted supervisors to form the policy. Pegasus eventually withdrew its proposal. There have been no new requests for installations.

PARKS

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own any land at the sites, but having them on the list includes them in the discussions, if opportunities arise to acquire land.

Some 25 percent of the park district's land has not been developed as parks, because funding has not been available for the operations side of the budget. "We don't have enough operational dollars in place to open sites to public use, and run the parks at the proper level of service," said Anderson.

Anderson said that he is optimistic that with the improving economy, more revenue will be available. Some 80 percent of the revenue comes from property tax.

The district must acquire land when properties become available, before they are approved for development, or the prices rise, said Anderson.

After the board's vote, Anderson said he was very pleased. "We have a great blueprint for the next 10 to 15 years of growth, and opportunities for access for the public," said Anderson.

The Valley's representative on the board, Ayn Wieskamp, said, "Tesla is such a significant property. There is an incredible Native American site there. The species issues are very unusual. There is a connection for trails, and there is

the cultural history of the old mining town."

The Chain of Lakes in East Pleasanton is on the list for its potential for both hiking trails and water non-contact sports.

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transactions (sales) and use taxes to finance countywide transportation programs through Dec. 31, 2020. The Alameda County Transportation Commission has endorsed the bill, which allows them to extend the sales tax. The city supports this measure.

AB 325 would extend the statute of limitations from one to four years during which a city or county could be sued for adoption of ordinances that would limit the implementation of affordable housing. Pleasanton is opposed.

Mayor Jerry Thorne, who represents Pleasanton at the League of California Cities, said that there are many other bills that were discussed during a recent league meeting. Among them are 22 measures dealing with CEQA changes.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio asked to be appointed to the subcommittee.

Staff will bring back the item for approval, at which time the subcommittee members will be chosen.

High Performance Computing Center Marks First Year; Has Proven Popular

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory launched an initiative to boost American industry's global competitiveness on June 30, 2011 by opening the High Performance Computing Innovation Center (HPCIC) in the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC). Using expertise acquired through decades of applying HPC to challenges in a broad range of fields, the HPCIC has been reaching out to industry to broaden the use of supercomputers for the technological and business innovation that underpins the nation's economic vitality.

The HPCIC facility has proven to be a popular event venue for many Lab programs. Since opening in late June 2011, the HPCIC has hosted more than 1,500 events and received more than 14,000 visitors.

"The Innovation Center has become a hub of collaborative activity and the venue of choice for workshops in a broad range of subjects," Betsy Cantwell, head of economic development for LLNL, said. "Clearly, it's filling an important need for LLNL research programs and that bodes well for the future of the Open Campus."

"The notion that the Lab's world-class supercomputing resources and expertise should be made available to industry to spur technologi-

cal and business innovation is an idea whose time has come," said Fred Streitz, HPCIC director. "It is, after all, a matter of national security that the country continues to lead in the development of new technologies, new manufacturing capabilities or new businesses, especially amid fierce global competition. There's a growing global consensus that HPC is the key, both in the U.S. for us to maintain our leadership, and elsewhere for those striving to claim this leadership."

However, industry's adoption of high end supercomputing has been hindered by one or more barriers, such as the high cost of HPC systems; the lack of software appropriate to the task; or a lack of domain expertise in applying HPC to industrial problems. The HPCIC is designed to remove these hurdles, to demonstrate the potential of supercomputing and to accelerate innovation for economic development.

With Labwide representation in its Business and Technical Advisory Councils, the HPCIC serves as the nexus for HPC business development. It works on such issues as the unified promotion of LLNL computational science and engineering expertise, and the definition and implementation of

the Lab's computing access policies. It helps streamline the business development and contracting process, provides access to LLNL computational resources and offers guidance regarding compliance with regulations and policies.

A primary role for the HPCIC is serving as a gateway for tapping LLNL expertise in applying HPC to the development of technological and business solutions. For example, the HPCIC promotes access to Engineering's Turbulence Analysis and Simulation Center (TASC), which focuses on high-performance simulation and analysis of turbulent mixing and reacting flows using advanced numerical methods developed at the Lab and in academia. These capabilities are important to a variety of research areas including the study of jet, rocket and internal combustion engine design, laser fusion, climate change, weather forecasting, pollutant dispersion, wind power and aeroacoustics.

The HPCIC also can engage with industrial and scientific experts through its Deep Computing Solutions (DCS) partnership with IBM Research. Underlying DCS is an agreement allowing computer and domain science experts from IBM Research and LLNL to work

with industry collaborators on HPC-related problems and provide solutions that help accelerate the development of new technologies, products and services.

Six energy companies were selected to partner with LLNL under the hpc4Energy Incubator program. In a November 2012 workshop hosted by the HPCIC, energy company researchers shared their early results. Eugene Litinov, an executive with ISO New England, a non-profit grid management company, told workshop attendees that access to Livermore Computing capabilities allowed his company to "think differently about problems. You can ask questions you didn't think of asking before."

Streitz said, "When you get researchers from industry and the labs to engage around a compelling idea, and throw high performance computing into the mix -- magic happens."

Cantwell added, "High performance computing is integral to all of our programs at LLNL, which is why it was appropriate for the HPCIC to be our first venture in the open campus. The HPCIC offers a way for LLNL scientists, engineers and business developers to bring our know-how to their problems in a business-friendly environment."

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water industry wants to test them "for a very long time," perhaps five years, said Mendelsohn. "If you have to tweak the process in year one, you have to start all over again," said Mendelsohn.

Lockheed Martin's product still in research is called Perforene. It works in a somewhat similar way, and uses graphene. The company says that it is strong and durable, and more effective than standard reverse osmosis systems. It is projected to be more effective at sea water desalination, making its use a fraction of the cost of industry-standard reverse osmosis systems.

Scott Lusk, a spokesman for Lockheed Martin, said that the firm is working with other companies in terms of developing the project. He said it's not possible to set a date right now for when it might be on the market.

Another desalination method has also been developed at the Lab. Flow-through electrode capacitive desalination uses a new hierarchical porous carbon ma-

terial to create a way for the feed stream to pass directly through the electrodes, resulting in significant improvements to salt removal and desalination rate.

"By leveraging innovative porous carbon materials recently developed at LLNL, our new method removes the diffusion limitations afflicting traditional CD cells. The desalination process now only takes as long as it takes to charge the electrodes, on the order of minutes or less," said Matthew Suss, a Lawrence scholar and first author of a recent paper in Energy & Environmental Science. "The new method currently removes salt five to 10 times faster than previous CD systems, and can be further optimized for increased speed. It also reduces the concentration of the feed up to three times as much per charge."

If the new methods are superior to current desalination, and bring down operation costs for desalination without having prohibitive price tags on plant equipment, it could provide a

new fresh water source for California.

Whether new technology would arrive soon enough to avoid construction of the tunnels is another matter. Gov. Jerry Brown's twin tunnel plans have been estimated to take about 10 years, though critics of the plan say it will be more like 20 or 25 years by the time money is obtained and lawsuits are settled.

Jeffrey Michael, who teaches economics at University of the Pacific in Stockton, has weighed in on the dispute over the Delta tunnels, siding with Delta residents who oppose them.

Michael says on his UOP blog that old technology has been abandoned in other areas of public policy. He says, "I am confident that we will have game-changing technological advances before climate change and natural disasters hit California in a large way."

Michael singles out the Lockheed Martin process as an example of the future coming to help with a solution.

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, executive director of Restore the Delta, said that desalination would not even be needed to eliminate the tunnels from contention. There are enough other measures, such as more underground water storage, a massive campaign to store run-off rainwater, and greater water recycling efforts could offset the need to do anything more to the Delta, she said.

Jill Duerig, general manager of Zone 7 Water Agency, said that any shortcomings in current desalination technology are not driving the decision for the twin tunnels project. "It is a combination of factors creating an ecosystem in crisis due to multiple stressors including water conveyance through the Delta, invasive species, and regional development."

Duerig also mentioned a loss of water availability due to seismic vulnerabilities, environmental regulations, permit restrictions and climate change.

MAILBOX

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Windmill Data
Bob Cooper
Livermore
A statement in last week's lead article on the Altamont Wind Turbines is incorrect. The statement is attributed to Rick Koebe, founder of Altamont Winds, Inc. The statement that is incorrect is: "timeshifting would amount to having the same running time as the current county-mandated schedule."

To compare the current EIR/CUP with the proposed Draft EIR/Cup I used the concept of windmill-month, one windmill running for one month. I also used a spreadsheet. The current EIR/CUP allows AWI to run 18,653 windmill-months. The proposed DEIR/CUP allows AWI to run 27,324

windmill-months, 46% more. The spread sheet with these numbers is in the comment section for the DEIR.

This result is not immediately obvious because the current EIR/CUP allows AWI to run some windmills until Sept. 2018 but requires AWI to shut down 230 windmills this October; 460 windmills October 2015; and the remaining 138 windmills in October 2018. Also, the windmills are not to operate between Nov. to Feb. 15 in this period under the current EIR/CUP.

The Draft EIR/CUP allows AWI to run 828 windmills until December 2015 with no stoppage from Nov. to Feb. 15.

Since the windmills will be operating 46% more windmill-months, the avian kill rate is likely to go up a similar amount.

Plan Bay Area
Joanne Hottendorf
Livermore

I agree with Mayor John Marchand, this issue of Plan Bay Area is not understood by the average citizen of Livermore. More information needs to be disclosed by ABAG to the people of our town. If the truth be told this plan has long range goals of placing as many people

next to public transportation as possible in the years to come. Their argument is that pollution control and traffic reduction are necessary which they are, but the answer is not to convince people to stack themselves in roadside apartments next to BART just like Dublin. The area around the Dublin-Pleasanton station is quite the eyesore and it's headed to Livermore if we allow ABAG to plan our future. We have been paying tax money for BART to come to Livermore for a long time and we need it here, but ABAG doesn't have the interests of Livermore at the heart of their plan.

This is all part of the larger solution planned by The United Nations called Agenda 21. I urge all citizens to google, "Agenda 21 Maps." The computer screen will display the larger plan for all of the US by the end of the 21st century. It includes the slow reduction in privately owned land by convincing people over the century that we are polluting the country with private usage of our land and the fact that nature needs to reclaim this nation (and others if you probe further). The first step has already been completed, by setting up these agencies

filled with appointed, not elected people all over the country. They go by the acronyms, ABAG, PBA, ICLE and others.

Please educate yourselves before our government completes these plans without our consent. We should be able to vote on these issues and not have all of it planned by unelected officials.

Thank you Mr. Marchand for looking out for the people of Livermore. Lets keep BART on 580 and keep our own plans for the use of our city.

Bay Bridge Bolts
David Pastor
Pleasanton

Those of us who are engineers, and those of us who didn't make that lofty status have all learned a lesson or two over the years. We all like to create things, perfect things, from building a hot rod to building a model airplane. We are proud of our creations, and build them so that they will look awesome and never have to come apart. Then as we back up to admire our handiwork, we step on a piece that was intended to be an internal part of our creation. Now

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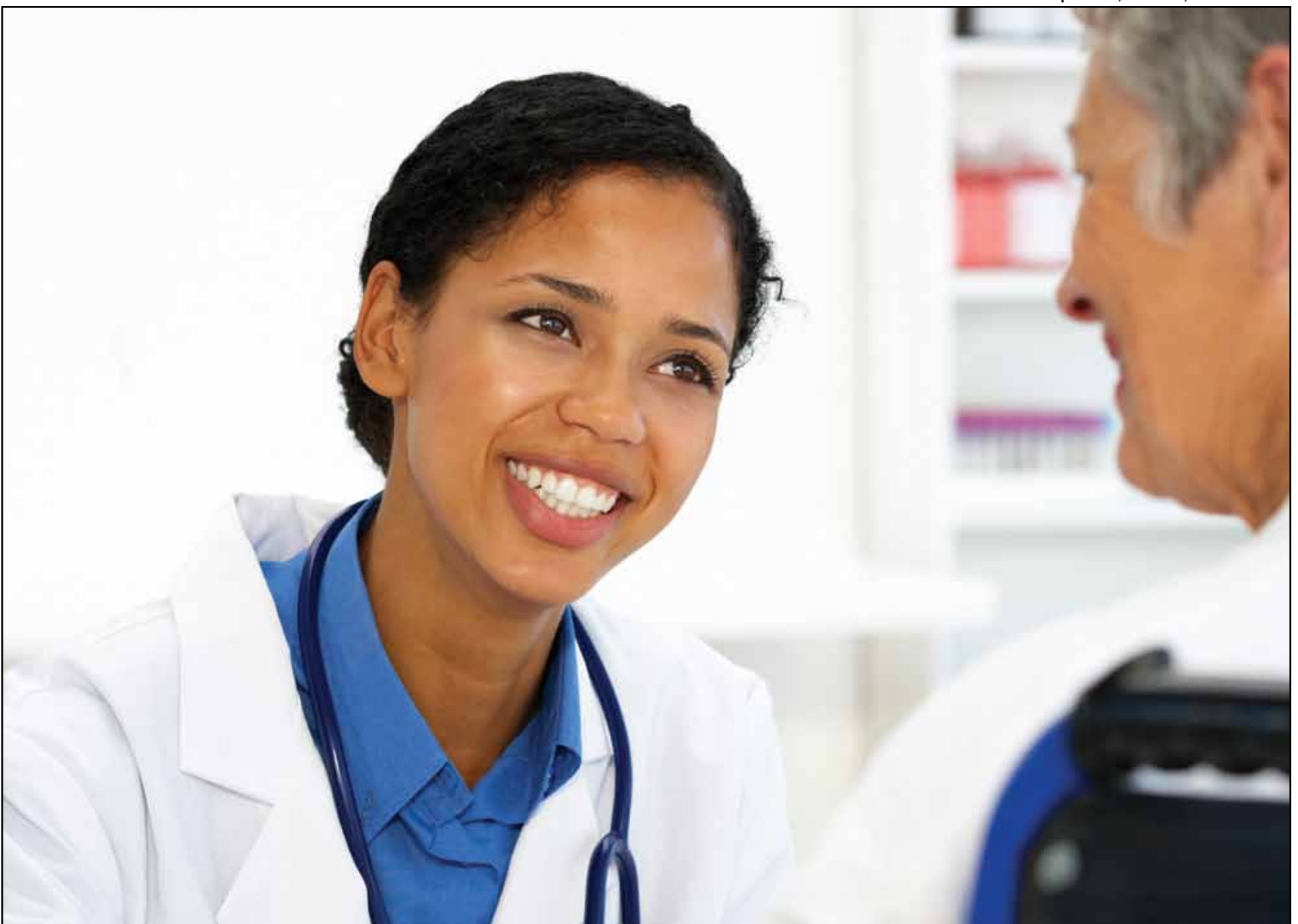
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SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are members of the GLL Intermediate All Star Team (back row) Coach Jim Geyer, Blake Downey, Austen Moomau, Zack Scribner, Mitch Rocereto, Angel Becerra, Trent McIntosh, Andrew Walker, Manager Matt Walker; (front row) Tyler Stultz, Grant Riddiough, Joe Murphy, Cameron Geyer, Tyler Rodgers, Noah Stewart; not pictured Coach Pete Rocereto, and Lucas Anninos.

Granada Little League All Stars Advance Far

Granada Little League Intermediate All Stars won their Sectional Championship on July 3rd in Fremont (hosted by District 14).

They moved on to play in the Northern California State Championship in Chowchilla, California (hosted by District 10).

GLL played 7 back-to-back games in Chowchilla on their run to the Nor-Cal State LL Championship Game. GLL beat each team

in the NorCal Division at least once during the NorCal State tournament play.

In the NorCal Champ Series, GLL won 5 of 6 games, and made it to the NorCal Championship game, defeating Lemoore 7-6. GLL then had to play Lemoore again on Fri., July 12th for in the championship game.

GLL was up 9-5 in the 7th inning, three outs away from a victory but ended up losing 12-10. GLL played

their hearts out through the whole 3 tournament series.

The Lemoore team who will play in the West Region US Championship in Irvine, Cal. Winner of W. Region will play in the Intermediate World Series hosted by Livermore and District 57 starting July 29th at Max Baer Field in Livermore.

These GLL boys came a long way, making it the farthest of any GLL Livermore team in Little League Series play.

Martial Arts Students in China

A group of martial artists from Livermore's United Studios of Self Defense (USSD) recently returned from an expedition to China that included a visit to the Shaolin Temple, the birthplace of martial arts over 1,500 years ago. The trip, which lasted from June 29-July 11 was a historical one on many different levels. Alex Flegel was promoted to brown belt, Kaelie Hileman and Alarie Hileman to black belt, and the Chief Instructor of USSD in Livermore, Michael Delfino was promoted to 4th degree black belt.

Among the historical events were the following: the first time a promotion test was held on the training grounds of the temple, first time high ranking promotions were held at the temple, first time students were allowed to open the temple with their morning prayer routine, first time westerners were allowed in the temple after dark, the first time the monks have allowed westerners into certain off-limits portions of the temple, among many other accolades private to USSD students. The four, along with student Carla Kochmann, also had the opportunity to train alongside the monks on the same grounds that monks have done over the course of centuries.

While there is much debate over exactly when and how the Shaolin Temple was formed, all martial artists agree it is the birthplace of nearly all martial arts. The ground is so worn in places that the stones are actually dented in areas from the repeated impacts. USSD students learned a traditional Shaolin form, Seven Star Fist that they will continue to improve upon in their lessons at USSD Livermore.

USSD, established in 1968, has worked for decades to establish this unique relationship with the temple. The exchanges, not only in the martial arts, but culturally and emotionally, are lifelong impacts on the lives not only of people here at home, but people thousands of miles away.

For more information about USSD or the Shaolin Temple, please contact them at 925-449-1746 or at USSDLivermore@gmail.com.

Phantom Shines

The Pleasanton Phantom II saved its best effort for the last tournament this summer, going 4-1 and coming within a win of the 12-and-under championship game.

Saturday's pool-play wins came over Burlingame (10-3), Folsom (11-10) and West Valley (5-3). After opening Sunday with an 11-1 triumph over Burlingame, Phantom was eliminated by Cupertino 10-0. Emily Yamasaki, Kate Inman and Allie Simon each collected two hits, Gianna Lyng scored three runs and Aynslee Roberts pitched all the way in the debut win over Burlingame. Phantom rallied past Folsom as Inman's walk-off RBI single scored Yamasaki, who went 3-for-3 with 4 RBIs. Simon added two hits and three RBI while Emma Garman was 2-for-2 with two runs. Yamasaki, Lyng and Syd West had RBI singles in a four-run fifth inning to push Phantom past West Valley. West pitched a complete game in that 5-3 win.

Roberts allowed only one hit in Sunday's 11-1 rout of Burlingame. Madison Hildebrand had an RBI double and scored twice, Simon was 2-for-2 with three runs, and Haleigh Lopes doubled. In Phantom's elimination loss, Yamasaki and Lyng singled, and Inman drew a walk. Overall, Yamasaki was the Phantom's top hitter: 9-for-14, six runs and six RBI. Simon went 6-for-10 with five RBI and five runs; Lyng 6-for-12 with four runs; Inman 5-for-11 with four runs; and Kirsten Sigua 5-for-9 and three runs. Also, Julia Camello drove in three runs. The Phantom played in five tournaments and was coached by Rob Hildebrand, Keith Roberts and Jay West. Submitted by Cam Inman

Katz Are Champs

West Coast Katz U17 Girls decisively won the Davis Legacy College Showcase beating Castro Valley 4-0 in the finals. West Coast Katz won five games over the weekend on their way to becoming champions of the U17 Davis Legacy College Showcase. Katz flexed their offensive muscle on Sunday, scoring eight combined goals in the semi-final and final games. In the semis, Katz were victorious over Stockton Storm 4-1.

The team created a plethora of scoring opportunities all weekend long, with well-executed passing coming out of the backfield and midfield, followed by strong finishing both from the forward and midfield lines. Abby Dyer, forward and Kate Lipman, midfielder, finished the tournament with three goals each. Alyssa Rodriguez and Sharan Singh both found the net twice and Victoria Garza had a goal

in the final to seal the victory for the team. Kylie Long, forward, had several goal-scoring assists, as her passing and ball placement was right on the mark.

The defense, led by Taylor Boren, keeper and Nikki Lutz, central defender, allowed only one goal all weekend long, completely shutting down the offense of their opponents. Taylor Boren's outstanding performance won her the U17 Most Valuable Player award for the tournament. Key defensive contributions also came from Taylor Nusser, Karlee Hall and Kamie Lipman, who won every one-on-one and "ball in the air" to thwart any potential offensive threat.

Rounding out the flawless team performance were the midfielders who took control of each game, setting a pace and tempo, that their competitors just couldn't match - Grace Lara, and newcomers Sandra Aguilar, Fernanda and Camilla Fonseca. Impressive team efforts and execution put forward by the West Coast Katz and their Coach Troy Dayak.

LAZERS Water Polo

The LARP D LAZERS (Livermore) water polo teams competed in the Santa Cruz Classic on July 13th and 14th. The U14 girls turned in a strong performance in finishing in second place. Leading the way in scoring was Maddie David and Mia Battaglia. Defensively, Emily Hawkins and Kelsey Mahurin racked up a number of steals to lead the Lady U14 LAZERS to victory.

The U14 boys finished with a 1-2 record for the tournament. Sean Croghan and Noah Petit led the LAZERS in scoring as Jason Campbell also chipped in a number of scores. Defensively, David Brooks played a great tournament and Ian Herbert did a great job as goalie.

The U16 team finished third in the Santa Cruz Tournament. Andrew Kettenhoffen and Michael Brooks were the goal leaders. Max Federle and Andrew led the team in steals. Jesse Farness was huge in the cage with over 40 Blocks over the weekend. Sean Croghan and Noah Petit played both 14s and 16s with a lot of success. The U16 boys finished 3rd with a 2-1 record.

PVC Swims to Top in Two Meets

Last week, the Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins swim team competed in two meets in the Valley Swim League and came out on top for both. On Wednesday, July 10th they raced the Rhonewood Sharks. The final score was Score PVSC 997 and Rhonewood 790. On Friday, July 12th they took on the Livermore Electric Eels, with a final score of 1126 for PVSC and 589 for the Electric Eels. Two new records were set by PVSC: Marissa Lawrence 11-12 girls 50 fly and the 11-12 girls 200 medley relay of Daniella Hawkins, Marissa Lawrence, Ally Wu, and Emily Claridge.

The Wednesday's victory was accomplished by some of the fastest times: 25 yard freestyle: Sophia Kang 17.63, 7/8 girls; Jackson Risher 17.14, 7/8 boys;

50 yard freestyle: Danielle Hawkins 28.26, 11/12 girls; David Gjerde 29.26, 11/12 boys.

25 yard Butterfly: Olivia Kang 29.28, 6 and under girls; Brady McMillin 26.94, 6 and under boys; Sophia Kang 20.72, 7/8 girls; Colin Wallace 18.74, 9/10 boys;

50 yard Butterfly: Eric Li 27.44, 15-18 boys

25 yard breaststroke: Olivia Kang 35.68, 6 and under girls; Paige Reynolds 23.05, 7/8 girls; Evan Grell 27.53, 7/8 boys; Ethan Braga 20.33, 9/10 boys;

25 yard Backstroke: Brady McMillin 29.34, 6 and under boys; Sydney Seipel 25.28, 9/10 girls; Charlie Claridge 19.65, 9/10 boys

Barracudas vs. Sharks

The Briarhill Barracudas challenged the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks at the Shark's home pool on 7/13. The stronger Sharks team defeated the Barracudas by a final score of 566 to 398.

Top swimmers for the Sharks included Isabella Montague 6 (Freestyle, Butterfly), Hannah Walder 8 (Freestyle, Breaststroke), Zachary Corbishley 14 (Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke), Ainsley Hasty 10 (Butterfly, Individual Medley), Luke Scanlon 10 (Butterfly, Backstroke), Laura Whiteland 11 (Butterfly, Backstroke), Sidney Vaeth 13 (Individual Medley, Backstroke), and Nick Tucker 15 (Individual Medley, Backstroke).

Top swimmers for the Barracudas included Tyler Dishman 8 (Freestyle, Butterfly, Backstroke), Joey Grywczynski 12 (Freestyle, Butterfly,

Individual Medley), Kristin Horlilo 17 (Butterfly, Individual Medley, Backstroke) and Brett Melloch 18 (Freestyle, Butterfly).

The Sharks move on to face the Dublin Green Gators while the Barracudas take on the Club Sport Tidalwaves in their next meets.

FAST vs. Del Prado

On Wednesday, July 10th, the Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) Dolphins took on the Stingrays at the Del Prado pool. The Stingrays won by the score of 628.5 to 329.5. Despite the score, the Dolphins had great performances from Kate McClellan (6), Olivia Larsen (15), Alexandra Brown (17), Lilli Chau (8), Kaia Hoyman (5), Luke Szymczak (12), Landon Kenney (5), Nathan Clinton (8), CT Harper (6), and Kevin Franck (6). Great performances for the Stingrays came from Meghan Hogue (13), Lacey Hicks (12), Shelby Hicks (10), Isla Griston (10), Annalise DeMange (6), Andrew Goard (17), Taylor Smith (14), John Lester (10), Jack Bessiere (12), Cameron kurotori (17).

Also having good swims were Dolphins, Camille Chestnut (5), Zoe Moura (12), McKenna Moura (14), Elizabeth Brown (14), Emma Overton (8), Conner Witt (10), Max McGee (10), John Mihelcic (9), Warren Xu (11), and James Zhao (12). Rounding out the top swimmers for the Stingrays were, Madeline Foster (12), Nikki White (14), Elaina Gates (18), Sara Jeffrey (12), Lucy Bell (15), Tommy Juarez (13), Sean Sullivan (14), Caden Drain (8), Andrew McMasters (8), and Steven Reimer (12).

Results: 6 & Under: girls 100 Yd. medley relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Hoyman, Kaia 5, Chestnut, Grace 6, McClellan, Kate 6, Wagner, Scarlett 6), 2:44.30. Mixed 100 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Valentine, Simon M6, Jorgenson, Jac M6, Harold, Ryan M6, O'Nesky, Bryce M5), 2:13.87. Girls 25 yd. free: DeMange, Annalise, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.12. Boys 25 yd. free: Kenney, Landon, FAST-PC, 22.31. Girls 25 yd. fly: McClellan, Kate, FAST-PC, 36.95. Boys 25 yd. fly: Kenney, Landon, FAST-PC, 28.39. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke: DeMange, Annalise, DP Stingrays-CC, 39.94. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke: Jorgenson, Jac, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.30. Girls 25 yd. back: McClellan, Kate, FAST-PC, 37.24. Boys 25 yd. back: Franck, Kevin, FAST-PC, 30.45. Girls 100 yd. free relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Hoyman, Kaia 5, Chestnut, Grace

6, Wagner, Scarlett 6, McClellan, Kate 6), 2:19.37. Mixed 100 yd. free relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Franck, Kevin M6, Kenney, Landon M5, Harper, CT M6, Shackelford, Evan M6), 1:40.81.

7-8: Girls 100 yd. medley relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Chau, Lilli 8, Xu, Claire 8, Overton, Emma 8, Stimson, Sydney 7), 1:33.37. Mixed 100 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Drain, Caden M8, Cole, Noah M8, Shackelford, Joey M8, McMasters, Andrew M8), 1:36.63. Girls 25 yd. free: Rogers, Sierra, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.63. Boys 25 yd. free: Drain, Caden, DP Stingrays-CC, 16.89. Girls 25 yd. fly: Chau, Lilli, FAST-PC, 20.91. Boys 25 yd. fly: McMasters, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.61. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke: Kirschner, Katie, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.23. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke: Drain, Caden, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.39. Girls 25 yd. back: Moore, Lauren, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.31. Boys 25 yd. back: McMasters, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.20. Girls 100 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Ryan, Aviana 8, Rogers, Sierra 8, Priston, Isla 8, Kirschner, Katie 8), 1:19.96. Mixed 25 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Loeffler, Jake M8, Jetter, Nathan M7, McMasters, Andrew M8, Drain, Caden M8), 1:20.82.

9-10: Girls 100 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kruschke, Stella 10, Garcia, Melissa 10, Griston, Isla 10, Park, Leeyoung 10), 1:17.61. Mixed 100 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Ivey, Thomas M9, Jetter, Aidan M10, Jorgenson, Sam M9, Ivey, John M10), 1:18.27. Girls 50 yd. free: Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.76. Boys 50 yd. free: Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.76. Girls 25 yd. fly: Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.82. Boys 25 yd. fly: Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 18.42. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke: Griston, Isla, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.41. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke: McGee, Max, FAST-PC, 20.32. Girls 100 yd. IM: Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:25.57. Boys 100 yd. IM: Reimer, David, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:46.32. Girls 25 yd. back: Griston, Isla, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.02. Boys 25 yd. back: Witt, Connor, FAST-PC, 18.14. Girls 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Heath, Amy 9, Nazareno, Charlotte 10, Loeffler, Hannah 9, Hicks, Shelby 10), 2:32.17. Mixed 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, David M10, Stedman, Cole M9, Nazareno, Joseph M10, Lester, John M10), 2:22.50.

11-12: Girls 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Foster, Madeline 12, Griston, Molly 12, Hicks, Lacey 12, Jeffrey, Sara 12), 2:28.13. Mixed 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bessiere, Matthew M12, Reimer, Steven M12, Bessiere, Jack M12, Bell, Jack M11), 2:37.00. Girls 50 yd. free: Hicks, Lacey, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.65. Boys 50 yd. free: Szymczak, Luke, FAST-PC, 30.30. Girls 50 yd. fly: Hicks, Lacey, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.51. Boys 50 yd. fly: Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.38. Girls 50 yd. breaststroke: Foster, Madeline, DP Stingrays-CC, 41.86. Boys 50 yd. breaststroke: Reimer, Steven, DP Stingrays-CC, 42.97. Girls 100 yd. IM: Hicks, Lacey, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:19.28. Boys 50 yd. IM: Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:25.99. Girls 50 yd. back: Moura, Zoe, FAST-PC, 39.68. Boys 50 yd. back: Szymczak, Luke, FAST-PC, 42.25. Girls 200 yd. free relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Eichhorn, Colleen 12, Lew, Mika 1, Monsen, Emma 12, Moura, Zoe 12), 2:23.01. Mixed 200 yd. free relay: Fast Dolphins-PC 'A' (Xu, Warren M1 Terptrsa, Josiah M1, Szymczak, Luke M12, Drummond, Scott M11), 2:17.97.

13-14: Girls 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 14, Renton, Kelly 14, Bardakos, Alyssa 13, Waldear, Heather 14), 2:13.68. Mixed 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Smith, Taylor M14, Juarez, Tommy M13, Proud, Will M13, Glenn, Alex M13), 2:16.94. Girls 50 yd. free: Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.51. Boys 50 yd. free: Sullivan, Sean, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.58. Girls 50 yd. fly: White, Nikki, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.90. Boys 50 yd. fly: Smith, Taylor, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.40. Girls 50 yd. breaststroke: Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.99. Boys 50 yd. breaststroke: Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.89. Girls 100 yd. IM: Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:10.16. Boys 100 yd. IM: Smith, Taylor, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:11.78. Girls 50 yd. back: Moura, McKenna, FAST-PC, 33.70. Boys 50 yd. back: Smith, Taylor, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.05. Girls 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bardakos, Alyssa 13, Renton, Kelly 14, Hogue, Meghan 13, White, Nikki 14), 1:55.36. Mixed 200 yd. free relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Hsu, Thomas M13, Woo, Kevin M14, Bettencourt, Blake M13, Tuttle, Mason M13), 2:27.98.

15-18: Women 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Klein, Laura 18, Gates, Elaina 18, Bell, Lucy 15, Jeffrey, Stephanie 16), 2:13.81. Mixed 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, James M15, Cole, Joshua M16, Howard, Michael M15, Sabatini, Tommy M15), 2:01.35. Women 50 yd.



The Granada Little League (GLL) 10-year-old All Star team are the Champions in the Annual GLL Invitational All Star Tournament. Pictured are All Star team members (top, from left) Coach Dave Eastman. Pictured are Ryan Wenzel, Zak Gooby, Joey Keller, Caleb Chance, Mateo Wilde, Aiden Lewis, Manager Ryan Chance, Coaches Steve Wilde, Andy Overton; (bottom) Coach Mike Trudeau, Mason Eastman, Colton Trudeau, Kyle Drobik, Ryan Juric, Austin Overton, and Dylan Baxter.



The Livermore National Little League Junior 90 Livermore All-Star team defeated San Ramon 7-6. Livermore lost its first game of the All-Star Tournament 9 to 6 to San Ramon and came all the way back to win the District 57 flag. Livermore had to defeat San Ramon twice. The victory makes the sixth All-Star Tournament championship in the last three years for the Junior-Senior program. The team is coached by Manny Fumero. The sectional Junior tournament got underway at Bill Payne Park in Livermore last Saturday.



The Livermore Aquacowboys (LAC) competed at the Adam Szmidi Memorial Pacific Swim 2013 Long Course Junior Olympics. The meet was hosted by the Terrapins Swim team on July 12-14, 2014 in Concord, CA. There were 851 swimmers with 4173 entries from 46 teams. Swimming for LAC were Gabriel Akins (12), Shahini Ananth (15), Nathaniel Boas (17), Jared Brandley (15), Amanda Butcher (12), Jenna Chew (15), Paige Chew (13), Taber da Costa (10), Paige da Costa (12), Shelby Diehl (15), Caroline Eckel (12), Alex Gonzalez (15), Christopher Gonzalez (11), Haley Hamza (17), Matthew Hayes (12), Nina Hayes (17), Katherine Kulp (17), Josh Ledbetter (18), Stephen Mackanic (18), Celine Nguyen (15), Brandon Siu (13), Collin Trump (12), Trent Trump (17), and Alex Wang (17). The 23 LAC swimmers finished 7th overall with 11 swimmers competing in 33 finals. Several new best times were achieved and new Far Western qualifying times were clocked by Matthew Hayes, Chris Gonzalez, Caroline Eckel, Taber da Costa, and Stephen Mackanic. Haley Hamzawas the 15-16 girls high point winner of the meet.

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SPORTS NOTES



The LARPD LAZERS U14 girls water polo team turned in a top performance. Pictured are (left to right) Maddie David, Emily Hawkins, Coach Croghan, Mia Battilega, Elizabeth Bukus, Emily MacElroy, Lauren Coching, Kelsey Mahurin and Alyssa Bergman.

free: Larsen, Olivia, FAST-PC, 26.26. Medn 50 yd. free: Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.82. Women 50 yd. fly: Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.26. Medn 50 yd. fly: Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.81. Women 50 yd. breaststroke: Brown, Alexandra, FAST-PC, 33.95. Men 50 yd. breaststroke: Cole, Joshua, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.55. Women 100 yd. IM: Brown, Alexandra, FAST-PC, 1:09.38. Medn 100 yd. IM: Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 59.65. Women 50 yd. back: Larsen, Olivia, FAST-PC, 31.89. Men 50 yd. back: Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.76. Women 200 yd. free relay: Dolphins-PC 'A' (Brown, Alexandra 17, Stemplinger, Kyra 15, Perera, Mariana 15, Larsen, Olivia 15), 1:59.90. Mixed 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Andrew M17, Hogue, Ryan M16, Glenn, Seth M15, Kurotori, Cameron M17), 1:40.19.

Stingrays vs. Piranhas

The Del Prado Stingrays swam away with a 513 to 469, victory over the Dolores Bengtson Aquatics Center (DBAC) Piranhas, on Saturday, July 13 in Valley Swim League competition. The top swimmers for the Piranhas were, Lauren Reilly (8), Kristin Kye (12), Elizabeth Fraher (6), Jasmine Xiao (12), Amy Huang (14), Christopher Yang (6), Senyi Yang (8), Wilmer Lin (12), Alexandre Miller (10), and Jerry Yang (11). For the Stingrays, the top swimmers were, Elaina Gates (18), Shelby Hicks (10), Meghan Hogue (13), Isla Griston (10), Lucy Bell (15), Taylor Smith (14), Cameron Kurotori (17), Andrew Goard (17), Jack Bessiere (12), and John Lester (10).

Other good performances were clocked by Piranhas, Anna Zhang (6), Audrey Goodman (13), Sophi Bueche (12), Allyson Chan (8), Sydney Pruss (8), Raymond Gu (14), David Xu (12), William Zhai (8), Lionel Liu (8), and Randy Tang (14). Annalise DeMange (6), Lacey Hicks (12), Lauren Grabham (10), Nikki White (14), Hannah Loeffler (9), Caden Drain (8), Jac Jorgenson (6), Tommy Juarez (13), Jackson Luck (10), and Seth Glenn (15), also turned in good performances.

Results: 6 & Under: Girls 100 yd. medley relay: Piranhas 'A' (Raul, Reva 6, Zhang, Anna 6, Fraher, Elizabeth 6, Charbonneau, McKenna 6), 2:26.99. Boys 100 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Murray, Zack M6, Jorgenson, Jac M6, Harold, Ryan M6, Ways, Caiden M6), 2:15.27. Girls 25 yd. free: Fraher, Elizabeth, DBAC, 26.60. Boys 25 yd. free: Yang, Christopher, DBAC, 23.21. Girls 25 yd. fly: Fraher, Elizabeth, DBAC, 33.31. Boys 25 yd. fly: Yang, Christopher, DBAC, 35.37. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke: DeMange, Annalise, DP Stingrays-CC, 39.17. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke: Jorgenson, Jac, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.40. Girls 25 yd. back: Fraher, Elizabeth, DBAC, 32.86. Boys 25 yd. back: Yang, Christopher, DBAC, 31.15. Girls 100 yd. free relay: Piranhas 'A' (Raul, Reva 6, Gudipati, Samiksha 6, Heo, Sharon 5, Charbonneau, McKenna 6), 2:53.29. Boys 100 yd. free relay: Piranhas 'A' (Yang, Jakko M6, Chhabra, Pratham M6, Zhu, Thomas M6, Kwok, Sean M6), 2:25.60.

7-8: Girls 100 yd. medley relay: Piranhas 'A' (Reilly, Lauren 8, Chan, Allyson 8, Lurie, Camryn 7, Gudipati, Sudiksha 8), 1:31.38. Boys 100 yd. medley relay: Piranhas 'A' (Nguyen, Steven M8, Liu, Lionel M8, Zhai, William M8, Yang, Senyi M8), 1:33.00. Girls 25 yd. free: Reilly, Lauren, DBAC, 17.53. Boys 25 yd. free: Drain, Caden, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.42. Boys 25 yd. fly: Reilly, Lauren, DBAC, 23.24. Boys 25 yd. fly: Yang, Senyi, DBAC, 24.03. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke: Chan, Allyson, DBAC, 24.75. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke: Liu, Lionel, DBAC, 26.11. Girls 25 yd. back: Reilly, Lauren, DBAC, 22.93. Boys 25 yd. back: Yang, Senyi, DBAC, 24.68. Girls 100 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Moore, Lauren 8, Luck, Helena 8, Ryan, Aviana 8, Rogers, Sierra 8), 1:24.79. Boys 100 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Shackelford, Joey M8, Loeffler, Jake M8, Jetter, Nathan M7, Drain, Caden M8), 1:22.47.

9-10: Girls 100 yd. medley relay:

Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Heath, Amy R 9, Garcia, Melissa 10, Loeffler, Hannah 9, Ways, Kiersten 9), 1:20.51. Boys 100 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kasper, Kenny M9, Lester, John M10, Jorgenson, Sam M9, Stedman, Cole M9), 1:16.40. Girls 50 yd. free: Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.03. Boys 50 yd. free: Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.15. Girls 25 yd. fly: Griston, Isla, DP Stingrays-CC, 16.57. Boys 25 yd. fly: Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 16.90. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke: Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.86. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke: Luck, Jackson, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.35. Girls 100 yd. IM: Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:26.03. Boys 100 yd. IM: Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:23.67. Girls 25 yd. back: Griston, Isla, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.70. Boys 25 yd. back: Miller, Alexandre, DBAC, 20.60. Girls 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Graham, Lauren 10, Heath, Amy R 9, Griston, Isla 10, Hicks, Shelby 10), 2:18.87. Boys 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, David M10, Jorgenson, Sam M9, Nazareno, Joseph M10, Lester, John M10), 2:17.85.

11-12: Girls 200 yd. medley relay: Piranhas 'A' (Reilly, Megan 1 Bueche, Sophi 12, Xiao, Jasmine 12, Kye, Kristin 12), 2:27.16. Boys 200 yd. medley relay: Piranhas 'A' (Lin, Wilmer M12, Yu, Nathan M1 Yang, Jerry M1 Yang, Benjamin M12), 2:28.22. Girls 50 yd. free: Kye, Kristin, DBAC, 29.62. Boys 50 yd. free: Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.80. Girls 50 yd. fly: Kye, Kristin, DBAC, 34.15. Boys 50 yd. fly: Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.45. Girls 50 yd. breaststroke: Hicks, Lacey, DP Stingrays-CC, 42.12. Boys 50 yd. breaststroke: Xu, David, DBAC, 42.83. Girls 100 yd. IM: Kye, Kristin, DBAC, 1:19.20. Boys 100 yd. IM: Lin, Wilmer, DBAC, 1:17.73. Girls 50 yd. back: Xiao, Jasmine, DBAC, 38.06. Boys 50 yd. back: Lin, Wilmer, DBAC, 35.17. Girls 200 yd. free relay: Piranhas 'A' (Stacey, Carina 1 McCarty, Karin 12, Lurie, Hanna 1 Domenichini, Natalie 12), 2:12.41. Boys 200 yd. free relay: Piranhas 'A' (Fournier, Paddy M12, Zhao, Mark M12, Xu, David M12, Amer, Adam M11), 2:21.84.

13-14: Girls 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 14, Renton, Kelly 14, White, Nikki 14, Bardakos, Alyssa 13), 2:14.45. Boys 200 yd. medley relay: Piranhas 'A' (Gu, Raymond M14, Chen, Arie M14, Ong, Jonah M14, Tang, Randy M14), 2:12.51. Girls 50 yd. free: Huang, Amy, DBAC, 27.83. Boys 50 yd. free: Smith, Taylor, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.05. Girls 50 yd. fly: Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.05. Boys 50 yd. fly: Smith, Taylor, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.61. Girls 50 yd. breaststroke: White, Nikki, DP Stingrays-CC, 39.29. Boys 50 yd. breaststroke: Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.51. Girls 100 yd. IM: Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:08.48. Boys 100 yd. IM: Smith, Taylor, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:11.96. Girls 50 yd. back: Huber, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.01. Boys 50 yd. back: Tang, Randy, DBAC, 35.68. Girls 200 yd. free relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Waldear, Heather 14, Renton, Kelly 14, Bardakos, Alyssa 13, Hogue, Meghan 13), 1:57.49. Boys 200 yd. free: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Juarez, Tommy M13, Glenn, Alex M13, Proud, Will M13, Sullivan, Sean M14), 2:01.27.

15-18: Women 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Doi, Megan 15, Gates, Elaina 18, Bell, Lucy 15, Klein, Laura 18), 2:09.62. Mixed 200 yd. medley relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Andrew M17, Sabatini, Tommy M15, Hogue, Ryan M16, Kurotori, Cameron M17), 1:55.82. Women 50 yd. free: Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.05. Mend 50 yd. free: Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.20. Women 50 yd. fly: Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.53. Men 50 yd. fly: Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.13. Women 50 yd. breaststroke: Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.94. Medn 50 yd. breaststroke: Sabatini, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.73. Women 100 yd. IM: Bell, Lucy, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:13.00. Men 100 yd. IM: Goard,



Pictured are West Coast Katz U17 team members. They decisively win Davis Legacy College Showcase beating Castro Valley 4-0 in the finals. See Sports Notes for more details.

Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 58.94. Women 50 yd. back: Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.92. Medn 50 yd. back: Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.60. Women 200 yd. free relay: Piranhas 'A' (Goodman, Alanna 16, Natesan, Divya 15, Tien, Cynthia 15, Goodman, Megan 18), 1:56.78. Men 200 yd. free relay: Piranhas 'A' (Huang, Daniel M17, Kim, Minsu M15, Flores, Hector M13, Kye, Geunho M15), 1:47.65.

West Coast Kryptonite

The West Coast Soccer U17 Kryptonite played in the Davis college showcase at the Davis Sports Complex last weekend. Kryptonite competed in the U19 age group to help them prepare for the upcoming National Championship tournament held in Aurora, Colorado this upcoming weekend in a four day tournament to crown the National Champion. Kryptonite has three peats as Northern California State Champions 2013, 2012, & 2011 winning the National Championship in 2011 and being a finalist in 2012. This group of players has been playing together since they first started running or were able to kick a ball. Along with 3 State titles and a National title they have amassed a 30+ tournament championships, multiple league championships including the coveted NPL title. 10 out of 11 of their seniors graduating this year are going off to play college soccer on scholarship.

Recently at the West Coast Wildkatz WPSL home game these ten young athletes were honored at halftime by their coach and long time director Troy Dayak. Each of the ten players had a voice recording that went out over the loud speaker as they strolled to the halfway line with their parents. In this recording the players thanked their parents, family members, loved ones, their coaches and West Coast Soccer. Team members include Adaurie Dayak (2013/Sac State), Allie Lau (2013), Alyssa Stevensen (2014), Annalisa Bautista (2014), Brooke Rittmann (2013/Air Force Academy), Cailie Chayrez (2014), Camilla Fonseca (2015), Chenayi Tavaziva (2014), Ebony Ezeji (2013/UOP), Fernanda Fonseca (2014), Grace Cabri (2013/Creighton University), Haley Crook (2014), Irais Ortiz (2014), Jessica Hopkins (2014), Jessica Hufford (2013/Southern Oregon), Amber Lennier (2013/Corban University), Taylor Lennier (2013/HNU), Karla Uribe (2014), Karly Passmore (2014), Kelly Brooks (2014), Kelly Smith (2014), Madysen Souza (2014), Mireya Magana (2014), Molly Brady (2014), Rachel Leonard (2013/Sac State), Regan Smithers (2013/Long Beach), Stephanie Pawek (2013/Dominican), Valentina Camacho (2014)

aged to come for the dinner. Registration is open now, and is scheduled to close on July 22. Patters has a web page that explains ticket prices and other details. It may be found at <http://events.melanoma.org/terrypattersgolfin2013/>.

Golf Tournament

The third annual Terry Patters Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 5 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course near Livermore.

The tournament is a fund-raising event for melanoma research. Terry Patters died in 2010 from basal cell melanoma, said her husband, Dave Patters of Livermore. The tournament is a way to help provide funds to find a cure, so that others won't have to suffer. In addition to golf, there will be a silent auction and a buffet dinner. People who do not play golf are encour-

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invited to register as a coach. Please visit <http://smsccyo.org/> for more information.

CYO Basketball

Registration for the 2013/14 SM/SC CYO Basketball season is open. This season fees have been and the availability of training and on court opportunities have been increased.

Coaches are needed. Each year, the league looks for men and women to lead the players by exemplifying Christian values and teaching the game of basketball. Interested individuals are

Table Tennis Tourney

29th Taiwanese & Chinese American Athletic Tournament of San Francisco Bay Area will be held on July 21 at the Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club, 5001 Case Ave. Pleasanton.

Check in time is 7 to 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Taiwanese & Chinese American Athletic Tournament of San Francisco Bay Area and the City of Pleasanton. For information, call 200-8078 or go to www.Trivalleyttc.com.

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SHORT NOTES



During a "Fun with Science" presentation, Nick Williams and student volunteers demonstrate the power of air pressure using pressure plates. See Short Notes for more information on upcoming programs.

Fun with Science

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is holding a special summer series of its popular "Fun with Science" program, presented by the award winning Nick Williams.

Designed for children at the fifth grade level (though it also can be enjoyed by children younger and older), the free program is intended to spark children's interest in science through entertaining demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Presentations will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. on July 24 and 31 and Aug. 7 (full) and 14 at the

Discovery Center at LLNL (located off Greenville Road on Eastgate Drive, in an open area at the Laboratory. No badging is required.)

Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Registration is required; call 423-3272 or send an e-mail to superscience@llnl.gov.

Cabernet Cook-Off

The City of Dublin will host a "Cabernet Cook-Off" at the Dublin Farmers' Market on Thursday, August 8.

Interested participants will receive a bottle of an Auburn-James Winery Cabernet, and will then come up with a menu item that is best paired with the wine. The competition will be limited to six participants.

To register, contact Shari Jackman at (925) 556-4555 or shari.jackman@dublin.ca.gov.

Night out Against Crime!

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and

co-sponsored locally by the Pleasanton Police Department. Over 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities will join forces on Tuesday, August 6 to celebrate National Night Out's 30th annual event. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug awareness, (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Pleasanton Police Department started participating in National Night Out over 11 years ago with 4 neighborhood block parties. Since then the event has progressively grown to almost 40 block parties with most coming from organized Neighborhood Watch groups. Parties vary from potlucks and BBQs to ice cream socials and have included live bands, bounce houses, kids activities and closed off street parties. Parties registered with the police could be visited by the Pleasanton Police Department, Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Department Heads and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Anyone interested in hosting a National Night Out Party, visit www.pleasantonpd.org and download an application or pick one up in the front lobby of the Pleasanton Police Department. Any questions can be directed to CSO Shannon Revel-Whitaker at (925) 931-5240 or by email at sreveil-whitaker@cityof-pleasantonca.gov. Deadline for applications is August 1.

Dress a Girl

Consider this an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. We meet once a month and our next Sew-Fest is Saturday, August 3 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael Hall, Livermore.

Fr. Alfred was a visiting priest at St. Michael's last summer and took our dresses back to Nigeria, and is coming again this summer and has specifically asked us to do 150 larger dresses for the older girls in his village/orphanage.

Fabric is needed. Those who want to contribute to this, it basically takes 1 1/2 yds to make a dress of this type.

Sewers are needed to make these 150 dresses. Currently about one-third that many have been made. They need to be finished for Fr. Alfred's return the end of Aug/first of Sept. Each dress takes a reasonably-talented seamstress about 1 hr to make, and it's all basic sewing.

Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please contact us for kits to sew from home. Questions? Contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

Program on Turtles

Turtles are the topic of a program to be presented on Sun., July 21 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff.

Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Turtles come in different

shapes and sizes, live in different environments from the ocean to the desert and come in tiny sizes to as large as a car. Join this program to learn about this charming group of reptiles - turtles. There will be live specimens to look at.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Recycling Board Opening

The Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board has a vacancy in the category of "a Source Reduction Specialist with substantial experience as such." The appointee must live in Alameda County. Term of the appointment is two-years. Board Members are eligible for re-appointment to one additional two-year term.

The Recycling Board administers the voter-approved Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative, which levies an \$8.23 per ton landfill disposal fee that generates approximately \$8.0 million per year for waste reduction and recycling programs in Alameda County. Fifty percent of the money is returned to local jurisdictions on a per-capita basis. The balance is appropriated by the Board for countywide source reduction and recycling programs, public education,

recycled product procurement, market development and grants to community organizations.

To be considered for appointment to the Recycling Board as "a Source Reduction Specialist with substantial experience as such" please submit a resume and cover letter stating qualifications to: Kevin Jenkins, 1221 Oak Street, Suite 536 - Oakland, CA 94612, faxed to 510-271-5151 or emailed to Kevin.jenkins@acgov.org with the subject line "Recycling Board Vacancy." The deadline for application is July 25, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Minority and female candidates are urged to apply.

Questions regarding the application process may be addressed to Kevin Jenkins at 510-268-5376. Questions regarding the Recycling Board may be addressed to Tom Padia or Gary Wolff at (510) 891-6500 or email at tpadia@stopwaste.org or gwolff@stopwaste.org.

RETZLAFF Estate Wines
Comedy Uncorked
 Saturday, July 27th
Benefiting Open Heart Kitchen
 Check details online at: www.retzlaffwinery.com
1356 S. Livermore Ave.
 Hours: Tue-Fri 12-2pm,
 Sat-Sun 12-4:30pm,
 Mon-Closed
 (925) 447-8941

Wine Stroll Tickets Available

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's annual Summer Wine Stroll will be held on Saturday, July 27 from 5-8 p.m. Twenty wineries from Livermore Valley and the East Bay Area will showcase their wines at various Downtown Pleasanton locations. Patrons will have the opportunity to learn more about local businesses, taste a variety of wines and small bites of delicious food at each location. In addition,

each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map.

Tickets (1,000 available) will be sold for \$30 each until July 26 at Berry Patch (350-A Main Street), Clover Creek (670 Main Street) and The Rose Hotel (807 Main Street) and online at pleasantondowntown.net. Only cash or check will be accepted in the store locations. If not sold out, remaining

tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. for \$35 (cash only) at the event starting location - Museum on Main - 603 Main St. Designated drivers can enjoy the stroll with a few non-alcoholic beverage options for \$10.

For more information, contact Julie Vlahon at Events@PleasantonDowntown.net or (925) 484-2199.

Meeting, Workshops and BBQ Dinner Includes Infor on Funding for Agricultural Conservation

The Alameda County Conservation Partnership will hold its annual meeting on July 31, 2013. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will co-host. The focus will be on the 2014 Farm Bill.

The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate locally led conservation and to provide updates to the agricultural community in Alameda County.

Attendees are invited to join a one-hour workshop in advance of the meeting, choosing between workshop topics of Wildlife Friendly Ranching or Organic Weed Management for Orchards,

Vineyards or Croplands. The event includes a tasting of locally grown foods and drinks as well as information about cost-share programs and other conservation opportunities available to local agricultural producers.

The annual meeting provides a forum for local farmers, ranchers, and public agency representatives to learn more about NRCS programs and to communicate their views on the most critical natural resource issues and priorities for the county.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 31st from 4:00pm -

7:00pm, with a free BBQ dinner provided by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District's Board of Directors.

Please RSVP by July 25th, 2013 to Susan Ellsworth at (925) 371-0154 extension 103, or susan.ellsworth@acrcd.org. Specify whether you would like to join the pre-workshops from 4-5pm on Wildlife Friendly Ranching OR Organic Weed Management.

For more information, please contact the staff of the Conservation Partnership at 925-371-0154 or visit www.acrcd.org.

Police Warning: Don't Leave a Pets in a Car

Being left alone for only 10 minutes may not seem like a long time but when you're a helpless, dependent pet left in a car on a warm summer day, it just may be the last 10 minutes of a pet's life.

Livermore Animal Control still responds to at least 5 calls a week for animals being left in vehicles.

On a 78-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can soar to between 100 to 120 degrees in just minutes. On a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

Animals can suffer brain damage or death from heat-stroke in just 15 minutes. Dogs can only cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paw pads. A dog's body temperature is always hotter than the air surrounding the animal.

Livermore Police have responded to several calls to a particular retail parking lot for animals left in hot cars. As a preventative and educational measure, a message board has been placed near the store with the message, "Dogs in hot cars don't mix."

This month, Livermore Police responded to a call where a dog owner left her dog locked in a hot car while she was in a local business. The dog was left in the car for approximately 30 minutes. Although it was only 11am, the outside temperature had already reached 95 degrees. Livermore Animal Control (AC) rescued the dog and took it to a local vet who stated that if AC hadn't removed the dog, it would have shortly suffered heat stroke or death. Identifying the severity of the owner's irresponsibility, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged the pet owner with animal cruelty, which is

punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

To help prevent injury to your pet, here are some tips from our local vets:

1. Even on cooler days, don't put your pets in the car if you are going to leave it unattended for any period of time.
2. At home always have ample shade and plenty of fresh water for your pets.
3. Do not exercise animals on warm or hot days.
4. Seek medical care immediately if you suspect your pet has experienced heat injury.

Anyone who sees an animal in distress please call the local police department.

LIVERMORE CINEMAS		2490 FIRST STREET		443-SHOW	
RED 2 (PG13) DLP		1:20	4:15	7:05	9:45
THE CONJURING (R) DLP-CC		1:10	4:05	6:55	9:55
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R.I.P.D. (PG13) DLP-3D				6:05	8:25
TURBO (PG) DLP		11:45	2:10	4:30	6:50
TURBO (PG) DLP-3D				1:00	3:25
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				4:45	6:15
				7:10	8:40
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GROWN UPS 2 (PG13) DLP		12:10	2:30	4:50	7:15
PACIFIC RIM (PG13) DLP		12:55	3:50	6:45	9:40
PACIFIC RIM (PG13) DLP-3D-DBOX		11:50	2:50	5:40	8:40
THE HEAT (R) DLP		1:05	3:55	7:05	9:45
THE LONE RANGER (PG13) DLP		12:50	4:00	7:00	10:00
MONSTERS UNIVERSITY (G) DLP				12:30	3:00
WORLD WAR Z (PG13) DLP				7:10	9:55
PREVIEW, JULY 25					
WOLVERINE (PG13) DLP				10:00PM	

Vine Cinema & Alehouse

1722 First Street - Livermore
 (925) 447-2545 www.VineCinema.com

The Way, Way Back - starts July 26
Fruitvale Station - starts July 26

Upcoming Classics Nights:
 40th Anniversary Screening of
 AMERICAN GRAFFITI - Aug. 1
 THE BIG LEBOWSKI - Aug. 8

Classics Night - WILLY WONKA - July 25 @ 7pm

A Sundance Film Festival Favorite!

THE KINGS OF SUMMER

Daily: 12:45 2:45 4:55 7:00 9:05

The Comedy Hit of the Summer!

THIS IS THE END

Daily: 4:00 9:00

THE GREAT GATSBY

Daily: 1:00 6:30

SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE

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DOWNTOWN LIVERMORE MERCHANTS INVITE YOU SATURDAY JULY 27 DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS

OUTSIDE IN ETC	BAUGHMANS WESTERN OUTFITTERS
MAIN STREET DESIGNS	ROADSIDE RELICS ON 2ND ST
WOOPSIEYDAISY TOY SHOP ON J ST	MODENA FASHIONS
PROCTOR'S CUSTOM FRAMING	ABC MUSIC & ACADEMY
PURSE PARTY ON J ST	ARTISTIC EDGE @ BLACKSMITH
PICKET FENCES ON K ST	VICTORINE OLIVE OIL @ BLACKSMITH
SHAKABUKU DESIGN	FIRST ST WINE COMPANY
VANS HEALTH FOODS	L STREET STATION ON L ST
FIGUREHEAD GALLERY ON 2ND ST	CARATTI JEWELERS
DOMS OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS	IN BETWEEN STITCHES
UPTOWN GIRLS BOUTIQUE & SALON	

OBITUARIES

Fred Cavin

July 15, 1924 – June 27, 2013
Resident of Livermore

Fred Cavin died peacefully on June 27, 2013 at the VA Medical Center in Livermore. He was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee, the third of four boys. When Fred



was six months old his family moved to Florida. In 1941, World War II interrupted Fred's education at the University of Florida. He joined the Navy and served as a Corpsman (medic) receiving the Navy Air Medal for air-sea rescue work in the South Pacific. Fred was recalled to the Navy during the Korean Conflict and served with the First Marine Division making the Inchon Landing and the Chosin Reservoir Trek. He received Presidential Unit Citations from both the United States and the Republic of Korea.

After being discharged from the Navy, Fred began his pile driving career as a job site clerk with Raymond Concrete Pile Company in Oakland, CA. He quickly rose through the ranks to a field superintendent, then estimator, and in 1965 was named Raymond's District Manager with full responsibility for their Northern California pile driving efforts.

In 1971, he fulfilled a lifelong ambition by starting his own pile driving company with three partners. They formed Foundation Constructors and got to work with a single 30 ton truck crane affectionately named "Pinky." Today the Company owns a fleet of over 67 cranes of all types and sizes, as well as several specialty machines used in alternative pile driving. Fred's outlook on life and his manner of conducting business resulted in a company with a reputation for fairness and quality work by knowledgeable, innovative and dedicated people.

Fred was active in the Associated General Contractors of Northern California for over 40 years, serving on the Executive Committee and as Chairman of the Highway and Heavy Engineering Division Board of Directors. He received the AGC of California Contractor Achievement Award in 1995. In 1998, Fred's career was highlighted by receipt of his industry's prestigious Golden Beaver Award for Service.

He was a member of ASCE, Structural Engineers Association, Club Curry, SAME, Chosin Few, and fraternally a member of Masonic Lodge Acacia #243 in Hayward, and the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry 32nd degree. He was a past president of the April Club and the Pile Driving Contractors Association. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and a former member of Asbury's Board of Trustees.

Fred is survived by his wife of 43 years, Beverly; daughter, JoAnne Conklin of Portland, OR; stepson Eric Johnson of Livermore; grandson Sean Conklin; granddaughters Tarah Cash, Kristine Cavin and Suzanne Cavin-Meckes; and four great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his son, Terry.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at the VA Medical Center whose tender and compassionate care made the last months of Fred's life so comfortable. Their kindness will always be remembered.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association should you so desire.

Friends, family and business associates are invited to attend a celebration of Fred's life at Foundation's yard/office located at 81 Big Break Road, Oakley, CA on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at

11:00 am. For more details please contact the office at 800-841-8740.

To all who knew and loved him, Fred will forever be remembered as "a man of faith – a kind and decent man."

Marsdon Andrew Dotson

Sept. 5, 1945 - June 22, 2013
Resident of Rodeo, Ca.

Marsdon "Red" Dotson passed away, with family at his side, on Saturday, June 22, 2013, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He was 67 years old.



Red, as he was better known, worked for PG&E for over 40 years. He served in the U.S Army for 3 years, from 1966-1969. He loved to cook, garden, and watch sports. He also loved to collect stamps, coins, and sports memorabilia. Marsdon was devoted to and loved by his entire family. He touched and enriched the lives of all he met. He will be dearly missed by all.

Marsdon leaves behind his son, Christopher Dotson; daughter-in-law, Leorina Bebe Dotson; his three sisters, Diane Bonkofsky, Eileen Kendricks, and Kathleen Woods; his brother, Henry Carson; ex-wife, Nancy Dotson; eight nieces and nephews, Melissa Berg, Tina Brooks, Kimberly Brooks, Letha Townsend, Andrew Gilory, Curtis Woods, Tim Woods, and Danielle Woods; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend Memorial Services to celebrate Marsdon's Life on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, Ca. 94551.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Marsdon's honor.

Richard Matthew Loughran-Smith

Sept. 26, 1933 - June 29, 2013
Resident of Livermore

Dick was a native Californian born in San Francisco. He spent his early childhood with his grandmother. He began working at a young age delivering war surplus lockers to homes and businesses in the city. He was selling papers on Market St. on V-J day. He rode the cowcatcher on the street cars to get around the city and spent entire days swimming and diving at Sutro Baths. He and his friend Ed would put inner tubes in the ocean and drift down the beach for miles. In 1949 he received the American Legion Award for outstanding courage, honor, leadership, service and scholarship. He also received the drama award at Roosevelt Junior High School for his wonderful portrayal of a villain.

At the age of 16, Dick forged his mother's signature and joined the Marines. He was sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he received jungle combat training. His unit was sent to Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1954 having attained the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. He was awarded the Korean Service medal, UN Service medal, Good Conduct medal and National Defense Service medal. On November 11, 2003, Dick was honored by the Counsel General of the Republic of Korea for his service in the Korean War.

Dick attended the University of San Francisco. During that time he worked for Ciro's plumbing in San Francisco. He later opened his own company, Westbay Plumbing and worked in California and the western United States, plumbing high rise buildings. He became a general contractor and owned Construction Plus, developing property at Tahoe and building in the Bay Area. He was a member of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local Union No. 38, for 25 years. Dick raised his family in Lafayette and Walnut Creek. He later moved to Livermore to accommodate his wife's career in public education. He coached his children's soccer teams and attended his grandchildren's football, basketball and soccer games.

Dick was known for his generosity, kindness, sharp wit and sense of humor, warm smile and love of family. He is survived by the love of his life, soulmate and wife, Janet, his children Matt (Elizabeth), Greg, Scott (Lori), Chrissy, Shannon, stepsons Jim and Pat Arrasmith (Mina), grandchildren, Tim, Cody, Tyler, Lindsey, Sophie, Sam, Tucker, Max, Bailey, Morgan, great grandson Jayden, daughter-in-law Tricia and niece Laura as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Irene and sons Jeff and Sean.

A graveside burial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 23 at the Sacramento National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA. Donations may be made in his name to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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Paul "Wes" Pease, a resident of Livermore, age 85, was born August 13, 1927 in Bingham, Utah. He died peacefully on June 28 surrounded by family. He was predeceased by his parents, Marshall and Genevieve Pease, sister Beverly Pease, and brother Bart Pease. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Fay Pease of Livermore, four children, Blair Massey, Krista Hodgden, Erica Ferreira, Marshall Pease and 8 grandchildren, Tara, Brandi, Ashley, Jessica, Tyler, Victoria, Ryan, Audrey and 3 great-grandchildren.

Wes was a long time resident of Alameda, a graduate of Alameda High and member of ROTC, 2nd Lieutenant. He wanted to join the Marine Corps. after graduation in 1945, but at 17, needed his parent's permission and they refused to sign for him because their other son Bart, a Marine gunner, was killed February 22 of that year aboard the S. S. Saratoga.

Wes joined the Merchant Marines until he became 18, then joined the Marine Corps. After his military service, he enrolled in San Francisco City College, Arts Department for their Silk Screening, Art and Photography. That led to a job with *Arizona Highways* magazine in 1949 as their photolithographer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Wes was offered that same job a year later, with Kaiser Graphic Arts as their photolithographer, which he accepted and was happy

to return to California. He held that job for 25 years until Kaiser began closing many of their Industries and Graphic Arts became one of them. After that, he entered the real estate business and became the Broker for his company Vogue Realty and joined later with partner, Allen Serlin. He was in real estate for more than 10 years before retiring.

He was an accomplished black and white photographer winning many awards.

Wes was an active member of the Oakland Camera Club during the 1950s and 1960s. He loved playing golf and that became his passion during his retirement years. Always the happy guy with a big smile on his face, he will be truly missed. Memorial donations may be made in his name to Shepherd's Gate, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore, CA 94551.

At his request, no services were held

Ealiamma Caria Edappangatt a.k.a. Aleyamma John (8/26/1934 - 7/12/2013) passed away at her Livermore, CA home on the 12th of July, 2013. She was 78 years old. Born in Kerala, India on August 26, 1934, she graduated with a Bachelor degree in Education (B.Ed), and worked as a teacher at various government schools throughout Kerala. Toward later years she became headmistress, and was then promoted to Assistant Educational Officer (AEO) of her district.

Throughout her career she brought about major changes and innovations to the educational system then prevalent in Kerala, and was well known and highly regarded as a charismatic and dynamic figure and a force of integrity to contend with. After retirement she functioned as the District Commissioner of Scouts and Guides for the district. Late into retirement she immigrated to the US, became a citizen, and moved to Livermore to stay with her son. She spent much of her later years in prayer, assistance to the needy, and other spiritual activities.

Her funeral is arranged for Saturday the 20th July, 2013 with 9 a.m. service at St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church at 545 N L St, Livermore, followed by burial at the Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave, Livermore. She is survived by her husband O.I. John, daughters Rekha Mathew and Remi Manoj, son John Rekish, and seven grandchildren.

Edna Lawell Munson Resident of Livermore

Edna was born on February 11, 1920 and passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2013 in Pleasanton, CA.

She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the Sewn Sews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Clarence in 2003 and her granddaughter, Karen Stevens in 2000. She is survived by her loving children Jean (Dick) Mc-

Cabe of Livermore, Ginger (Ken) Trumbauer of Tempe, AZ, 5 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren. A Celebration of her Life will be celebrated on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 11.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore, CA. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Edna's honor to Holy Cross Church Memorial Fund.

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Barbara Ann Peterson Born: April 30, 1932 in Washington, D.C.; Died: July 15, 2013 in Livermore, CA

Barbara passed away quietly and comfortably Monday night after a long illness.

She is survived by her three children and their families: David and his wife Naomi, Chris and his wife Kim and their son Fletcher, and Karen and her partner Nancy, and their sons Jessan and Jacob. Barbara was the wife of Kendall R. Peterson who preceded her in death.

Barbara grew up in both Washington, D.C. and Concord, CA. She attended Mt. Diablo High School in Concord and then graduated from U. C. Berkeley in 1954. She taught elementary school in Washington, D.C. until she met her future husband on a blind date. In 1969 the family moved to California where Ken worked for the Lawrence Livermore Lab. After Kendall's death in 1988, Barbara enjoyed working at the ValleyCare Hospital Library, as well as a volunteer at both the hospital and the Hospital Thrift Shop.

She loved to travel and spent many years exploring England and other European countries. Both Yosemite and Disneyland were frequent destinations for her as well. She also loved pets and had many dogs and cats over her life that called her house home. Her remains were cremated and will join her deceased husband's in a private location.

A celebration of her life will be given at a later date.

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The Bay Bridge was designed to last at least 100 years in earthquake country. It will take the pounding of commute traffic and stand above salty water during all of that time. Did it not occur to the engineers that one or more of the bolts holding the shear piece COULD break years down the road? These experienced engineers, these bridge designers, these people who had to design a section of the bridge to satisfy the feuding Browns, Willy and Jerry, did not provide for the replacement of these bolts. Inexcusable!

Airport Expansion Max Curtiss Livermore

The Livermore Airport expansion is back on the table. The City Council has given the OK for staff to engage in negotiations with a new Fixed Based Operator (FBO). Mayor Marchand is again engaging in word-smithing trying to convince the public the airport is not expanding. While the Mayor is correct in stating the airport's boundaries will not expand, the whole concept of an FBO is to bring more visitors and business people to Livermore. Why would any business group spend millions of dollars to build an FBO just to serve the existing airport tenants; it makes no sense.

The Mayor is also fond of stating the FBO will actually result in fewer operations at the airport as aircraft based

at Livermore will not have to leave for servicing. This is one of those statements that airport proponents have made so many times that they are beginning to believe it. Where is the data? This is just pure hogwash.

Then there is the argument that the Federal Aviation Administration is going to ban all the noisy jets. When I first heard this, I called a Washington D.C. lobbyist I know and asked him about what chance this bill had of passing. His answer was, "that bill will never get out of committee." It is 12 years later and the bill hasn't moved an inch.

Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, please don't offend our intelligence by asking us to swallow these lies - again. Play straight with us and perhaps we can work together to create an airport that business, pilots and citizens can be proud of.

Hanley Investment Group Sells Grocery Anchored Shopping Center in Livermore for \$17.5 Million

Hanley Investment Group Real Estate Advisors announced that Edward B. Hanley assisted with the sale of Granada Shopping Center, a Lucky Supermarket-anchored shopping center in Livermore, Calif., in an off-market transaction. The purchase price was \$17.5 million.

Granada Shopping Center is located at 1951 Holmes Street in Livermore, at the northwest corner of Holmes Street and Concannon Bou-

levard. The shopping center comprises 69,325 square feet and is situated on 6.39 acres. The property, which was built in 1965, is anchored by Lucky Supermarket and includes tenants: Fairmont Bank, Cosmo Prof, Curves, Subway and Country Waffles. The center was 91% occupied at the time of sale.

The buyer was Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (Nasdaq:ROIC) of San Diego, Calif. The seller

was Granada Retail, LLC of Oakland, Calif.

"Demand for well-located grocery-anchored shopping centers remains strong nationwide," said Edward B. Hanley, president of Hanley Investment Group.

"Granada Shopping Center represents the 7th California grocery-anchored center Hanley Investment Group has sold in the last 12 months, for an aggregate value of approximately \$145 million."

LARPD to Begin Master Plan Update

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors approved a consultant agreement for the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan Update.

The Board adopted the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan in October 2008.

RJM Design Group, a Sacramento landscape architecture and planning firm, was selected as the consultant for the update for a cost not to exceed \$101,448. The update process will take about a year, anticipated to conclude in 2014. The process will include public meetings and surveys as well as outreach to neighborhoods and underserved areas of the District. Updating the plan will allow LARPD to incorporate needed projects and programming into future planning.

In other District news, staff announced that a new trail and small play area with a climbing rock are nearing

completion in Robertson Park. The trail will connect the horseshoe pits with the sports field parking and playground, and is expected to open in August.

LARPD is also a sponsor

of the Little League Intermediate World Series that will be played at Max Baer Park from July 30 to Aug. 5. League organizers are making improvements to the field in time for the event.

Warrant Arrest for Aaron Hall

On June 30, 2013, members of the Pleasanton Police Department served a search warrant at 4298 Echo Court in Pleasanton. The warrant was related to a vehicular manslaughter investigation involving Cody Hall, the 18 year-old driver who struck and killed a bicyclist on Foothill Road on June 9, 2013.

While serving the warrant, officers located a large gun safe containing two illegal assault rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition. The safe belongs to Cody's father, Aaron Hall, who is a twice-convicted felon and is therefore

prohibited from possessing any firearms. Investigators forwarded a case to the Alameda County District Attorney charging Hall with being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition as well as possession of illegal assault weapons. The DA filed several felony charges and officers obtained a \$640,000 arrest warrant for Aaron Hall.

On July 11, 2013, Hall turned himself in and was booked at Santa Rita Jail. He posted bail and was released. Hall is scheduled to be arraigned July 24 at the Gale/Schenone Hall of Justice in Pleasanton.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pictured is the Duarte Garage, which was built in 1915 by F.H. Duarte on the original Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental U.S. Highway. During the 1970's the City of Livermore purchased the land surrounding land for use as a park. The Livermore Heritage Guild signed a lease in 1976 to restore and maintain the garage for use as a museum. It is open the 3rd Sunday of each month. Two tours of the Lincoln Highway were held this summer, one left from San Francisco, the other from New York. Both stopped at the Duarte Garage. Pictured is a 1947 Packard, which was driven from New York.

ValleyCare to Co-Sponsor Intermediate Little League World Series in Livermore

ValleyCare Health System, along with California District 57 Little League will be co-sponsoring the Intermediate Little League World Series, to be held for the first time in Livermore, July 30 through August 5, 2013.

"ValleyCare Health System plays a crucial role in the well-being of the Tri-Valley having provided top-quality health care to local families for over 50 years," says Dave Wetmore, World Series Tournament Director. "We appreciate their commitment to making this inaugural event a huge success."

ValleyCare Health System will provide certified athletic trainers. The athletic trainers will be in attendance at all games to provide injury management, evaluation and referrals, along with administering first aid to the athletes.

"We are pleased to be partnering with the City of Livermore and California Little League in co-sponsoring this inaugural Little League World Series here in Livermore," says ValleyCare Chief Operating Officer Cindy Noonan. "Providing the certified athletic trainers throughout the series is another way we are

continuing to care for our local residents. It's a natural fit for ValleyCare to participate with the community in this way."

The Intermediate Division began as a two-year pilot program, before becoming an official division in 2012.

Players ages 11-13 are eligible to play in this Intermediate baseball league, which features a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot bases, also known as "50/70".

For general information about the Little League World Series, contact info@intermediateworldseries.org.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 479756

The following person(s) doing business as: Grapevine Newsletter Service, 2150 Portola Ave #D203, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Rhonda Lynn Frye, 2150 Portola Ave #D203, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants :s/ Rhonda Frye
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2013. Expires June 19, 2018.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 478942

The following person(s) doing business as: Starlight Marble & Granite, 6429 Southfront Road Unit D, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Elizabeth Diaz, 520 Vasconcellos Avenue, Manteca, CA 95336

This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants :s/ Elizabeth Diaz
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2013. Expires May 29, 2018.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 479251

The following person(s) doing business as: Fitness & Recovery Physical Therapy, 1099 Carrara Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Esther Shin, 1099 Carrara Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants :s/ Esther Shin
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2013. Expires June 6, 2018.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD JOSEPH JERBIC

Case No. RP13680067

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: EDWARD JOSEPH JERBIC

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: EDWARD MICHAEL JERBIC in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: EDWARD MICHAEL JERBIC be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. (X) The petition requests

authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: August 5th, 2013

Time: 9:30 AM DEPT: 201

at:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Alameda

2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Berkeley, CA 94704

7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later

of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal

authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. (X) Petitioner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 479749

The following person(s) doing business as: Patisseries Celeste, 1085 Murrieta Blvd #120, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Celeste Waller, 1085 Murrieta Blvd #120, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants :s/ Celeste Waller

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 480194-195

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Checkers Catering (2)Checkers Catering and Special Events, 83

Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Checkers Grill, 83 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 11, 2003.

Signature of Registrants :s/ Denise Slavitt, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 3, 2013.

Expires July 3, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3495. Published July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HAS COMPLETED AN EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE FOR THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY'S LIVERMORE SITE

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration is completing an Explanation of Significant Difference report for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Livermore Site. This Explanation of Significant Difference report presents the addition of Institutional Controls to the Livermore Site Remedial Alternatives.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Livermore Site is an applied science laboratory operated by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. The Livermore Site is located approximately three miles east of the downtown area of Livermore, California. The 800-acre Livermore Site was converted from agricultural use into

a Navy flight training base and aircraft assembly and repair facility in 1942. In the 1950s, the Atomic Energy Commission converted the site into a weapons design and basic physics research laboratory. Initial hazardous materials releases occurred at the Livermore Site when the site was the Livermore Naval Air Station. There is also evidence that localized spills, unlined landfills, and leaking tanks and impoundments contributed volatile organic compounds, fuel hydrocarbons, metals, and tritium to the ground water

and unsaturated sediments in the post-Navy era. By 1987, a plume of volatile organic compounds had migrated off-site about 2,200 feet west of the current Laboratory property. These past operations resulted in the Livermore Site being placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List in 1987. A Record of Decision was signed in 1992 that established the cleanup remedies and cleanup standards for the Livermore Site.

As required under the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, an Explanation of Significant Difference is required because a significant, but not fundamental change is proposed to the final cleanup remedy for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Livermore Site described in the Record of Decision.

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Explanation of Significant Difference report documents the Institutional Controls selected as part of the remedy.

The draft Explanation of Significant Difference report is available to the public at the Laboratory's Environmental Repository in the Livermore Public Library located at 1188 South Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, [telephone (925) 373-5500]; the Laboratory Discovery Center, Greenville Road at East Gate Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, [telephone (925) 422-4599]; and online at <http://www.envinfo.llnl.gov>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact: Phil Wong, Federal Project Director Livermore Site Office, P.O. Box 808, L-293, Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 422-0765 or phil.wong@nrsa.doe.gov

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How to Choose Among Multiple Offers

By Cher Wollard
You've listed your house, townhouse or condo with a great Realtor and it went on the market a week ago.

Now you have not one, but several offers to choose from. How do you know which to accept?

Price is, of course, an important consideration. Terms also matter – a sales price of \$500,000 with credits to the buyer of \$15,000 for closing costs is less attractive than an offer of \$490,000 with no credits. That's simple math.

But the best offer in the world is worthless if the prospective buyer does not complete the sale.

The better qualified the buyer, the surer the deal
You may choose to accept a lower offer from a buyer who is paying all-cash, or one who has a large down payment – at least 20 percent — and high credit score, because those he/she is more likely to obtain financing.

Most listing agents will advise clients to consider offers only from buyers who have been pre-approved for a mortgage. In fact, many buyers' agents insist their clients be at least pre-qualified before they will show them property.

Pre-qualified means an agent or loan officer has determined the buyer would qualify for a mortgage if all the information he or she provides checks out and no other negative information surfaces.

Pre-approved means the loan officer has checked the person's credit, verified income and assets, and issued conditional approval.

If the buyer has desktop underwriting approval – sometimes called DU approval – even better. This means the paperwork has been submitted to an underwriter for pre-approval conditioned on a fully ratified contract and adequate appraisal.

As in any other field, some mortgage specialists are more knowledgeable, dependable and experienced than others.

You might insist buyers be pre-approved by a lender you know and have confidence in or who is recommended by your agent, even if they choose not to use that person.

Even the best mortgage specialists sometimes run into problems and delays, but they are more likely to know how to resolve the situation.

Appraisals don't always keep up with the market
Sometimes the highest offer is not the best offer because it is so far above market value the appraisal will not support the agreed-to price.

Buyers are bidding up prices because of current market conditions. Appraisals, however, are based on history – how much homes sold for in the recent past.

If the appraisal does not meet or exceed the contract price, lenders will not issue the loan.

In these cases, you will have to accept a lower price, the buyer must come in with a larger down payment, you'll meet somewhere in the middle, or the sale will not be completed.

Sellers and their agents do well to consider how realistic an offer is to avoid such a scenario.

For this reason, you may want to accept a lower price from a buyer who is paying with cash or who is putting down such a large down payment that the appraisal is irrelevant, or one who has enough reserves in the bank to cover a shortfall.

Some buyers make offers that state they are willing to pay a certain amount more than the appraised value. Some buyers are willing simply to waive the appraisal contingency.

Disclosures and inspections
Purchase contracts generally give buyers a certain amount of time to conduct inspections, read through disclosures from sellers and their agents, and check out the neighborhood before removing inspection contingencies.

During this period, they may discover the roof leaks, the house has termites or the neighbor's dog barks all night every night. In some cases, a buyer may elect to cancel the contract based on what he or she discovers. More often, buyers ask sellers to remedy the problem, issue credits in lieu of repairs or modify the price.

Some sellers have the home inspected before putting it on the market, so they have time to make repairs. They may even hand over inspection reports and all disclosures to prospective buyers, asking them to sign off on them before making an offer.

In a sellers' market like the one we are experiencing now, many buyers offer to accept the property in "As Is" condition. This does not, however, ensure a buyer will not cancel if they discover something unacceptable during their investigations.

Anything you can do to ensure "As Is" is a desirable condition will help keep the transaction on track.

Earnest and not-so-earnest buyers
Bay Area buyers are in a tough spot right now. Most homes are selling quickly with multiple offers.

So some buyers are making offers on more than one property at a time, hoping one will be accepted.

According to Guv Hutchinson, chief legal counsel for the California Association of Realtors, making offers on multiple properties when you only intend to purchase one is legal – if you notify the sellers that this is what you are doing.

Often, the sellers are not notified.
If a buyer does happen to get more than one offer accepted, he or she will choose the best and walk away from the other contracts. This may be understandable, but it leaves the seller in a difficult situation.

Contracts that are well-written, in which all the important dates and other information are filled in properly, may indicate an agent who is not rushing to complete a dozen offers for this client.

Some buyers offer large "earnest deposits" up front, as evidence of their sincerity. After all, they are tying up a large part of their down payment.

And some real estate professionals say that buyers who are struggling more – perhaps they can only obtain FHA or VA financing – are more likely to stick with a contract once it has been accepted by the seller, because they have fewer other options.

And, sometimes stuff happens
Even the most prudent seller may get into contract with a sincere, well-qualified buyer who, because of unforeseen circumstances, must cancel the contract.

Job loss or transfer, illness, changes in family situations can affect a buyer's ability to purchase a home. If the contract was contingent on the sale of the buyer's property and that deal falls through, the buyer may not be able to perform.

For this reason, you may want to offer a "back up" position to the next-best offer. That buyer is not obligated to you and may find another property in the meantime, but sometimes that buyer is able – and eager – to step in if the first offer falters.

In most situations, when buyers and sellers are qualified and committed, their Realtors and mortgage specialist can guide them through a smooth transaction.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

White House Honors LHS Graduate

Livermore High School graduate Eric Kansa was honored at the White House on June 20 as a Champion of Change.

According to the White House, he was chosen as a Champion of Change, "for the vision he has demonstrated and for his commitment to open science through his website, Open Context. Since its inception, Open Context has aimed to make research outcomes freely accessible to the widest possible community."

Kansa grew up in Livermore, then attended the University of San Diego. He obtained his PhD from Harvard in 2001. He describes himself as an "alternate academic." He explains that "alt-acs" combine their expertise of a discipline and their information technology skills to build information systems. "That involves really interesting research problems and thinking, so alt-acs have to be great researchers in their own right, even though they are usually not faculty."

Open Context reviews, edits, and publishes archaeological research data and archives data with university-backed repositories, including the California Digital Library.

He is currently in Italy collecting data from a dig.

Kansa posted a blog on the White House's website describing his efforts at Open Context to provide information that may otherwise be lost. Kansa notes, "Open access and open data helps us to realize the rich interconnections between all areas of knowledge, spanning across the humanities, the natural sciences, and medicine."

He writes, "Many people will remember the closing scene of Raiders of the Lost Ark, where the artifact at the center of the movie's plot ends up in a vast warehouse, presumably never to be seen again. Many people don't realize that scene, more than any other aspect of the movie, reflects something of the reality of archaeology in practice."



ERIC KANSA

He pointed out that archaeology explores the history and development of people and societies through the documentation and analysis of the physical remains of human activities. While most people think archaeology focuses on artifacts, artifacts are only part of the picture. In fact, artifacts mean very little without detailed information about context - the position and relationships between artifacts, other finds (food remains, architectural debris,

etc.) stratigraphy (layering of deposits,) and other lines of evidence. Archaeologists today build complex databases to fully document and describe artifacts, other finds, and critical contextual information. Without sharing and preserving this data, artifacts can easily be as "lost" as the Ark hidden away in the warehouse.

For a variety of reasons, archaeologists find it difficult to share and preserve this irreplaceable information that is key to understanding ancient societies. That's what motivated Eric Kansa and Sarah Whitcher Kansa, ten years ago, to step out of the traditional academic career path, launch a nonprofit "start-up" (the Alexandria Archive Institute,) and develop Open Context, a system that provides new ways for archaeologists to publish the full richness of the data they create. A key innovation, Open Context helps to advance data sharing as a form of publication. This means Open Context not only works to archive data for preservation, but

it also works to expand the quality and expressive power of data, and to make open data a rich and meaningful part of scientific communications.

Open Context links its published content with other data published by museums, online maps, Wikipedia, and other open databases and digital archives shared by researchers worldwide.

The Open Context team is beginning a new program, aimed at the next generation of researchers, to develop expertise in the technical, theoretical and ethical challenges inherent in data. According to Kansa, this will help students not only to better adapt to a radically changed professional environment, but also to become future leaders in creating and using data with greater thought and care - a critical need given the expanding role of data in virtually every aspect of our lives.

The complete blog can be found at www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/06/20/indiana-jones-and-dungeon-lost-data

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“Ballet on the Green” *presented by Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company*

Le Tableau Magnifique, premier ballet company with Livermore School of Dance, will be performing excerpts from the 2013 production “Vintage Tales, Modern Tributes” at Shea

Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Dances from “Silent Movie,” complete with a damsel in distress, flappers, and sad clowns, will

pay homage to black and white film. Excerpts from “Dreams” will allow the audience to join the slumber of a dancer dreaming of hope and another who is facing her worst nightmare.

The outdoor production will conclude with dances from “Carnaval.” The ballet is reminiscent of the Ballet Russes and the traveling carnivals of the Renaissance Era. This

final program features the Company’s youngest dancers performing with hoops and balls, and as tightrope dancers, lions and their tamers. It concludes with a Bollywood finale.

Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company dancers commit many hours each month outside of their regular dance classes to the art of ballet and the

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Dance company stages outdoor performance.

Comedy Performance Benefits Open Heart Kitchen

The 5th season of Comedy Uncorked will debut on Sat., July 27 at Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore.

Performing will be Jeff Applebaum, Kellen Erskine, and Faith Alpher.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Grounds are open at 6 p.m. at 1356 South Livermore Ave.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen.

Jeff's clean and hilarious comedy is drawn from his life experiences, including being the only white kid on his Queens NY Little League

team, and his wife who orders Chinese takeout in fluent Mandarin. Jeff lives with his wife and three children in Silicon Valley, California

Kellen was featured on season 7 of NBC's America's Got Talent. He is also a past finalist of the San Francisco International Comedy Competition. He performs in comedy clubs, colleges, and for major corporate events. Recently Kellen returned from the Great American Comedy Festival held in Johnny Carson's honor in his hometown of Norfolk, Nebraska.

Actress, Radio Personality, wife and mother of 3, Faith is described as vivacious, funny and inspirational. Whether she's speaking to a live audience, acting on stage, hosting a radio show or working as a voice over artist, Ms. Alpher's "thunderous whispers" take her audiences on an emotional, cathartic ride and leave them begging for more. Faith was recently featured on Searching For on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

For tickets and information, go to www.comedyuncorked.com/



Charged Particles Featured Jazz Group at Livermore Library

The Livermore Public Library's Jazz in July series continues on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 2pm when the jazz group Charged Particles performs at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this program.

The most exciting and creative music being made today crosses stylistic boundaries and blends multiple traditions to create vital new sounds. Charged Particles features three of the country's virtuosos doing just that in the electric jazz arena. Murray Low is a keyboard wizard with Latin-jazz technique and imaginative improvisational skills. Jason Muscat is an inventive and sophisticated electric bassist. Along with fiery drummer Jon Krosnick, these players are making some of the most electrifying jazz in the country today.

The trio's repertoire blends jazz styles with elements from Latin music, classical music, funk, and more. The group's original compositions are mixtures of elaborate orchestration and opportunities for creative improvised solos. And they bring a

similar approach to playing arrangements of tunes by other jazz artists and traditional jazz standards, including favorites by Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Richard Rogers and other composers of America's most popular songs from decades ago, each played with a new twist. All of the trio's music has a distinctly acoustic sensibility, despite the fact that the members play both electric and acoustic instruments. The group's small size allows for great sensitivity and spontaneity among the players, making each performance an enchanting improvisational exploration.

Charged Particles made its public debut on National Public Radio's live performance program, "Detroit Jazz Alive." In addition to its own headline performances, the band has opened for national recording artists such as Stanley Jordan, Yanni, and Al DiMeola and the group has had such international mega-star drummers as Peter Erskine and Dennis Chambers sit in with them.

In 1994, Charged Particles released its first compact disk, on Schoolkids Records. The CD received

airplay on over 200 jazz radio stations nation-wide and was praised by national jazz critics in such outlets as *Jazziz Magazine*, *Jazz Times Magazine*, *Jazz and Blues Report*, *Pulse! Magazine* and many more. A performance by the group was included on the compilation CD, *The Columbus Collection*, featuring outstanding jazz artists from Columbus, Ohio, and released in 1996.

The group's second CD, "Sparks," released in late 2002 on BOPO Records, received airplay on nearly 100 radio stations within two weeks of its release, and has gained attention from critics in many American publications and in magazines as far away as England, Denmark, and Japan. "Sparks" was named one of the eight "must-hear" jazz releases of 2002 by *The Other Paper*, and the opening track from "Sparks" was included on the "Jazziz on Disc" sampler CD.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Jazz in July series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Jukebox Heroes On Stage at Emerald Glen Park

"Shamrock'n Sundays," the free summer concert series continues at Emerald Glen Park on Sunday, July 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This week, "Jukebox Heroes," a fun and lively

cover band of popular rock 'n roll favorites, will perform.

Bring beach chairs or blankets and a picnic, or enjoy a delicious dinner from several food vendors which will be onsite. No pets

please. For more information call 925-556-4500.

The last concert in the series will take place on Sunday, August 18, and will feature the band, "Finding Stella."

BALLET

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community. They have performed and volunteered at local charitable venues, including The Taylor Family Foundation, Relay for Life, Rosewood Gardens, Heritage Estates, The Livermore Art Association, Kids Against Hunger, and Valleycare Medical Foundation.

Tiffane's Cupcake and Cookie Boutique is offering dessert options for patrons. View menu options at www.livermoredance.com. Orders may be placed by contacting Livermore School of Dance at (925) 245-9322 or via e-mail at livermoredance@gmail.com.

Dessert orders must be received by July 23.

Admission to "Ballet on the Green" is free, so pack a picnic dinner, order a delectable dessert, and bring

a blanket, creating the ideal atmosphere to watch talented, gorgeous dancers perform with the beautiful Livermore downtown as your backdrop.



Ballet in the Park - Allegro

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to Host First Annual Lobster Clambake, Benefiting the Arts

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has announced the First Annual Lobster Clambake to be held Saturday evening, September 14, 2013 on the lawn at celebrated Wente Vineyards in the Livermore Valley. Set in a casually elegant style, the festive event will include an authentic New England-style lobster clambake accompanied by Wente Vineyards award-winning wines.

There will be live music and both silent and live auctions. Designed as a fundraising gala, proceeds will benefit LVPAC's ongoing, broad-based efforts at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center, to promote the creation and presentation of the visual and performing arts in the Tri-Valley region.

The centerpiece of the meal, whole Maine lobster, clams and mussels, will be steamed onsite by Sam's Chowder House of Half Moon Bay

with Andouille sausage, red potatoes and corn-on-the-cob, and accompanied by New England clam chowder, bread, coleslaw, fresh berry cobbler and watermelon. With live entertainment and exciting auction activities, the event on September 14th will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Individual tickets to the event are \$135 per person, or tables of eight at \$1,080, and are available now at the Bankhead Theater box office.

Premium event sponsorship opportunities are being offered now at multiple funding levels and in-kind donations are being accepted for the auction activities.

"Participating as a sponsor or in-kind donor is a wonderful way to signal personal or corporate support for our local arts community," said Len Alexander, LVPAC's executive director. "Support

now will help build the LVPAC Lobster Clambake into a fun and significant annual event that can help sustain the entire organization's activities and efforts well into the future."

In addition to benefits and involvement in the event itself, sponsors and donors will be recognized. For more information regarding sponsorships or to make an in-kind donation, contact the development office at 925-583-2305 or via email at development@livermoreperformingarts.org.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center provides wide-ranging programs that provide access to the arts for the Tri-Valley community and beyond. The Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center are home to nine resident performing arts companies and over 40 studio artists and cultural arts instructors. Between them, they offer

more than 500 public activities each year, from classes and workshops, to concerts and performances, as well as extensive educational outreach in the arts.

The LVPAC Presents series includes performances by more than 60 acclaimed artists and entertainers across a wide range of musical styles and genres in the Bankhead Theater each season. Outside the theater on the Shea Homes Stage, 30 free concerts are presented as part of Friday Nights LIVE! and Tuesday Tunes throughout the summer.

In addition, each fall LVPAC sponsors two major festivals Guitar Fest LIVE! in September and ArtWalk in October. A list of upcoming performances at the Bankhead Theater, as well as activities at the Bothwell Arts Center, is available online at www.mylvpac.com.

The City of Pleasanton is searching for teens who love to write and want to contribute to their community.

One Teen Poet Laureate from each of Pleasanton's high schools will be selected to serve during the 2013-2014 school year. They will help to develop and foster an appreciation for composing, reading, reciting, and listening to poetry.

The Teen Poet will coordinate events such as poetry readings, gatherings on school campus, and possibly also accompany the Adult Poet Laureate on school visits.

To be eligible, applicants must be entering grades 11 or 12, and be enrolled and in good standing at a Pleasanton high school. Applications are due Friday, August 2, 2013, after which a brief interview will be scheduled.

For more information please visit www.firehousearts.org/programs/literary-arts.

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Yesterday into Today

Walking the 60s: “The Birds”

By Sarah Bobson

I first saw Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Birds” in 1963, the year it was released. Ever since, I have thought of Bodega Bay, the locale for most of the film, as a frightening place overrun with birds, a place I’d never want to visit. But after moving to California and seeing the film several more times, I became curious to compare the seaside town with Hitchcock’s version.

So, one March day I hopped onto 101 and headed north. The weather, grey and drizzly, was pure Hitchcockian, in terms of mood. At Santa Rosa, I veered west onto Bodega Highway, then wound through a bucolic scene of misty farms and fences, cows and grass. Bodega Highway connected with Highway 1 and took me right into the small, touristy town of Bodega Bay, a flythrough for bird migrations (probably why Hitchcock chose the place).

I drove around looking for the school house used in the iconic screaming kids’ scene, half expecting, I guess, that my random wanderings would lead me right to it. When that didn’t happen, I pulled over and leafed through some of the information I had the good sense to bring but not to consult beforehand. It said the school house was actually in the separate town of Bodega. In the film, Melanie Daniels, played by Tippi

Hedren (actress Melanie Griffith’s mom), drives up the Coast Highway to Bodega Bay. There’s no mention of a separate town. Melanie wants to deliver love birds to Mitch Brenner, played by Rod Taylor, a San Francisco attorney who has caught her eye. At the Tides Restaurant, she rents a small boat and motors across the bay to the dock behind Mitch’s house. She wants the birds to be a surprise, so she sneaks in, drops them off, and makes a hasty retreat.

I looked for the town of Bodega on a map. I found an unidentified short line jutting off of Bodega Highway. The Potter School was written next to it. I doubled back and turned onto what I thought might be the right road. I drove back and forth in front of a building that looked like the school house I remembered from the film. However, this building had a sign on it that said it was now a private residence. Another car drove up with two men in it. The driver rolled down his window and said, “We’re visiting from the East Coast. We’re looking for the schoolhouse.” I pointed to the private residence and said, “I think that’s it.”

I got out of my car and walked around in

the drizzle, pretending I was at the right place, mentally replaying how Hitchcock builds the tension with the bird attacks that lead up to the horror at the school.

The first attack occurs when a seagull swoops down on Melanie’s head as she’s leaving Mitch’s house by boat. It leaves her bleeding. Mitch rescues her, dresses her wound, and invites her to dinner at his house as a way of thanking her for the love birds. Later, a gull smashes into the front door of the house where Melanie is spending the night with the local teacher who, as it turns out, is Mitch’s ex-girlfriend, Annie Hayworth, played by Suzanne Pleshette.

After that, the attacks increase in number and frequency. Gulls dive bomb children attending the birthday party of Cathy, Mitch’s 11-year-old sister. In Mitch’s house, birds flush down his chimney. Gulls break through the bedroom windows of a farmer friend, killing him and leaving bloody pools where his eyes once had been. Mitch’s mother, played by Jessica Tandy, sees the dead farmer and runs from the house on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Melanie tries to comfort her and allay her fears by offering

to retrieve Cathy from school.

When Melanie arrives at the school house, the children are singing a song. She sits on a bench outside and smokes a cigarette while she waits, oblivious to what is taking place behind her on the jungle gym. Hitchcock builds the scene with sinister slowness. First, a single crow lands on the jungle gym. Melanie doesn’t notice. A second bird lands, and still she doesn’t notice. Then a third and a fourth and a fifth arrive. Finally, she sees a bird flying above and follows its flight until it, too, lands on the jungle gym, which now resembles a bird convention of avian Darth Vaders perched on the dark side, waiting to launch their attack. Melanie rushes into the school to fetch Cathy and tell Annie, their teacher, what is happening. When the children begin to run home, the sound of their feet pounding the pavement startles the birds and sends them into a swirling frenzy. They attack like kamikazes, causing the children to scream and flee for their lives.

I couldn’t find the path the children run down because it doesn’t exist. It was one of the special effects created for the film. There were many. Here are a few. Birds didn’t

swoop down on the children. Hitchcock used mechanical birds, live and wild birds on strings, and optically altered film overlays of birds in flight. The close-ups of the fleeing children were shot at Universal Studios, with the children running on treadmills. Live birds were used, however, in the bedroom scene toward the end of the film, where they mercilessly attack Melanie. It’s reported that the incident was so traumatic for Tippi Hedren that after filming the scene she spent a week in the

The Heart Seen Presentation Set in Pleasanton

The Heart Seen . . . will be hosted by new Pleasanton Poet Laureate Sandra Harrison Kay on Sat., July 27.

The location is Rick’s Picks on the corner of Main Street and St. Mary Street in downtown Pleasanton.

This will be an independent art exhibit featuring photographs. Kay states, “I believe this is the largest collection of found heart photography in the world.”

Found hearts are heart shapes found in our day-to-day environment, in litter, the sky, water, food, landscape, in carpet, on TV. No heart shapes created through the intention of humans are included.

“In that same spirit, I have decided to showcase

hospital recuperating.

I didn’t look for Mitch’s house because I read it had been demolished. I did drive back to Bodega Bay to hunt for the quaint Tides Restaurant where some scenes had been shot, including a car blowing up outside. Unfortunately, the restaurant burned down and was replaced by a hotel complex and a souvenir gift shop selling “Birds” memorabilia. It was the only place, interestingly enough, where I saw any birds at all during my visit. In the gift shop, I bought an adorable pair of abalone silver earrings for \$3 (I suspect neither the silver nor the abalone were real). Then I called it a day.

my collection inside Rick’s Picks, where I am employed part time. I’m going to remove all the default pictures in every frame in the frame section, and replace them, temporarily, with my found heart photos. I hope everyone will come take a look-see.”

Kay says her ultimate goal is to raise the funds necessary to create a website where people from all around the world can and will store, share and archive their found heart photographs at TheHeartSeen.com.

Also on exhibit, will be Kay’s recycled wine bottle art, books, and mixed media trash to treasure pieces.

Freeze Frame! 2013 Photo Competition

During the month of August, the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) will be hosting its annual Freeze Frame! 2013 Photo Competition.

TVC is looking for striking images of nature highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. As the local land trust, TVC is interested in seeing photos of all types of agriculture, scenic rural areas, and recreational uses or activities in the parks and recreational areas within TVC's locale, which includes Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Sunol.

For contest rules and registration instructions, go to www.trivalleyconservancy.org/freezeframeentry.html, email a request to freezeframe@trivalleyconservancy.org or call 925-449-8706.

Tri-Valley Conservancy will continue to focus on permanently protecting lands that preserve the area's rural character, scenic beauty and diverse environmental resources. By protecting these lands, we envision that both human and wildlife can survive and thrive.

For more information about local conservation efforts please view the Tri-Valley Conservancy website at www.trivalleyconservancy.org



Photographer Doug Jorgensen captured these images from last year's event.

Art Under the Oaks Offers Music, Wine Tasting, Food, Entertainment and Lots of Art

Alden Lane Nursery and the Livermore Art Association present the "27th Annual Art Under the Oaks" celebration on July 20 and 21, 2013. The event combines an art exhibit, food and beverage, live music and family fun for all ages under the age old Oak Trees of Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore.

Local artists will be on hand, spread throughout the spacious nursery, exhibiting their work as well as painting current pieces, demonstrating their skills for all to see. Oil and watercolor artists will be featured, as well as craftsmen and women displaying sculptures, fiber art, seaweed baskets, jewelry and much more.

In addition to the artisans, twelve local wineries based in the Livermore Valley will be on hand to provide wine tasting with

the purchase of a commemorative wine glass. A Fruit Tasting, hosted by Dave Wilson Nursery, will offer samples of summer ripening fruit. Sweet and Mellow will be here with their food truck, offering coffee, tea, and sweets. Niles Pie Co. will be selling savory and sweet pies.

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be live music both days. On Saturday, the music begins with Steve Fread

on guitar and vocals from 10:30 to 11:45, then the Queen of Hearts will play from 12-2pm, and the end to a fun day will be the Poodles from 2-4pm. On Sunday, Pleasanton Community Concert Band will start off from 11:00-12:30, followed by the Sycamore Strings Academy from 12:45-1:45, and then the Poodles are back one more time from 2-4pm.

The Tri-Valley Carvers will be demonstrating their

carving techniques and have a special project just for kids carving soap.

Each hour during the show, a drawing will take place for a \$25.00 gift certificate good towards Nursery products. The grand prize, a piece of artwork valued at over \$200.00 donated by the Livermore Art Association, will be held at the event's conclusion on Sunday afternoon.

Alden Lane Nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane

in Livermore. There is no admission charge.





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“Mad Men” Season 6

by **Linda Milanese**

Don Draper of “Mad Men” had us all fooled. The question for weeks was: *Where is this season going? We’re running out of time for Draper to self-destruct.*

Each episode in this sixth season offered pretty much the same format—the men behaving badly while the women continued moving up the corporate ladder. And, Don Draper was the worst of all the cad Mad Men. Like the graphic figure in the opening credits, he continued to spiral downward, resisting change and any attempt to gain control of his free fall.

There had been serious hints of his demise. His degradation reached new lows this season. He’d turned into a falling-down drunk; his sex with neighbor Sylvia had become an obsessive, kinky game; he’d almost drowned in a California swimming pool after smoking hashish. He was tortured by flashbacks of his early years of growing up in a brothel and the things he saw and experienced during those years. His relationship with his daughter Sally is irreparably damaged after she walked in on him having sex with Sylvia. In the next to last episode, after a blow-out fight with Peggy in which she calls him a monster, Don is last seen curled up in a fetal position on his office couch. He’d almost hit bottom.

So everyone tuned in for the final episode expecting the worst—either Draper would die or would be responsible for another’s death.

What did we get?

We got a kinder gentler

Don Draper.

At first, things looked as dire as expected. Season 6 had begun with Draper’s ad presentation for the Royal Hawaiian Hotel—an ad that left everyone embarrassed by its revealing suicidal overtones. In this final episode, Draper missed an important Royal Hawaiian meeting because he was in a bar getting drunk enough to land in jail. The season started and ended with the Hawaiian reference—reminding us of the Season 6 opening scene when Draper was reading Dante’s *Inferno* on the beach. Yes, Don Draper seemed headed for Hell.

But Draper was not destroyed—well, not physically. A night in the drunk tank apparently left him “scared straight” enough to give up drinking and to reveal his past to both his business partners and his kids. He even altruistically gave Ted the California Sunkist job he’d wanted himself. This is not the Don Draper we’re used to. But at least he’s out of a job, right? He’s been asked to leave the firm for an unspecified amount of time. Although he seems to have committed career suicide, he’s a happy man in his new-found honesty and sobriety.

Now here’s a thought. Every detail of “Mad Men”—props, outfits, music, events—is historically accurate and thematically significant. The actual events of the decade provide a backdrop for the drama of the ad agency and for Don Draper’s life. The first season was set back in

1960 and this season ends in 1968. The “Mad Men” characters are aware of the events going on in the country, but mostly they ignore them and remain self-absorbed in their advertising world and personal crises. Season 6 began in December 1967 and ended on Thanksgiving 1968. The year 1968 was a turbulent one for the country: Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were assassinated; race riots engulfed the country; the Vietnam War escalated along with anti-war demonstrations; and the National Guard had to quell riots at the Democratic Convention. It was an especially tough year for the country as well as for Don Draper. His behavior this season seemed to parallel the turbulence of the ‘60s. He seemed headed for a self-destructive, crashing end. But just as the revolutionary ‘60s ended with the soft landing of Nixon’s reelection, Draper appears to have survived.

Early this season, Don overheard his protégé Peggy telling clients exactly what he’d told clients in the past: “If you don’t like what they’re saying, change the conversation.” Maybe this explains Matthew Weiner’s intent in Season 6—to portray characters locked in repetitive bad behavior headed down a predictable path. Then—Bam!—he changed the conversation in the last episode.

Most of the other characters, however, are stuck in sad or bad “conversations.”

First, the men.

Roger started the

season premiere with the philosophical “life’s doors that open and offer lessons through experience” speech, but he remains the clueless, shameless philanderer/comedian we love every season. Ted appeared to be the only partner with a sense of ethics, but now he’s gone and broken Peggy’s heart and moved to California to save his family. Pete reminds me of a yappy little dog—not big enough to really scare anyone but always bark bark barking, outraged at all the people who kick his little canine butt. At one point he’s furious at the suspicious nature of his mother’s falling overboard from a cruise ship. But when it comes down to the high price of investigating the accident, he manages to get over his grief. “She

always loved the sea,” he decides.

The women continue to succeed professionally but at the expense of personal happiness. Joan, finally a partner, gets her own account and squeezes out Pete the terrier, but the men still treat her like a secretary, tainted by her forced one-night stand with a Jaguar executive. Megan has moved to California to pursue her acting career, but her marriage to Don looks shaky. Peggy is at the top of her career—she’s moved into Don’s office, but she’s lost Ted. I hope she doesn’t start drinking from the liquor cart he left behind. The only woman who’s in a good place is, ironically, Betty, Don’s first wife. She’s jumped out of her fat suit and slimmed back down to her beautiful blonde self to play first lady for her new husband

who’s running for the New York State Senate

Don Draper? Has he really changed? I’m skeptical about the new Don. He’s out of a job and alone in New York. Is he really penitent and ready to change, or by being honest, has he merely revealed reasons for his bad behavior that deflect blame away from taking personal responsibility for his actions? “Poor me. Boo Hoo. I grew up in a brothel.”

With a whole season ahead, it’s hard to believe Don is going to find a new career and become a devoted father to his kids in NY and remain a faithful husband to his wife in California. We need some conflict. I predict he’ll rise from his ashes and be the cad he’s always been. Or what else is there for Matthew Weiner to write about?

“Cuentos, Music y Más,” or, “Stories, Music, and More” at the Rincon Library

Have fun and sing along with Colorado-based storyteller Pam Faro’s “Cuentos, Music y Más,” or, “Stories, Music, and More” at the Livermore Public Library on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at 2:30pm.

This free program will take place at the Rincon Library located at 725 Rincon Avenue, Livermore.

“Cuentos, Music y Más” is one of many variety performances during the library’s 2013 Summer Reading Program, “Reading is So Delicious!”

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Pam Faro has performed, taught and coached internationally. She specializes in telling worldwide folktales and Spanish/ English bilingual stories with music, energy and fun!

This free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs are geared toward children ages

4 and older.

The Livermore Public Library’s Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, a wildlife presentation and international performances. Pick up a 2013 “Reading is So Delicious!” calendar of events at any of the library’s three locations.

For further information, please call 925-373-5504, or visit the library’s website www.livermorelibrary.net.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Art Happens, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to www.bothwellartscenter.org.

Encuentros: Bankhead Theater hosts three Latin-American artists in summer exhibition. The exhibit features oil paintings, acrylics, and monotypes from Edmee Keele, Jordi Camps and Alfredo Mordss. The art will remain on exhibition until September 8th. Proceeds from sales benefit the Bothwell Arts Center, a project of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation.

Paintings by Bill Paskewitz are on display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, through Aug. 18. The show is open for viewing during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-824-4824 or cherw@cherw.com

The Contemporary Landscape:

Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, June 7 through July 19. Invitational exhibit featuring 5 very different artists, from abstract to conceptual: John Crawford, John Maxon, Margaret Rinkovsky, Jenn Shifflet, Jeff Snell. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free, donations always appreciated.

Where a Painter Meets Poets, A new exhibit featuring poetic responses to the work of Livermore artist Lily Xu will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, through Sept. 30. The show, Where a Painter Meets Poets, features Xu's watercolor paintings, as well as poems by Ronnie Holland, poet laureate emeritus of Dublin; Cher Wollard, outgoing poet laureate of Livermore; Susan Wilson; Jim Curcuro; and Kay Speaks.

Wente Vineyards will exhibit the work of local painter Patricia Benson from July 2 to July 30. Wente Vineyards Estate tasting room located at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore.

Art Under the Oaks, July 20 and 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Alden Lane Nursery. Livermore Art Association show. Art displays, demonstrations, entertainment, etc. www.livermoreartassociation.org.

California Society of Printmakers, Celebrating 100 Years of the California

Society of Printmakers, Aug. 1-Sept. 5, Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Opening reception is Thurs., Aug. 1, 7 to 9 p.m. Printmaking of all types: book arts, silkscreen, monotype, woodcut and linocut, lithography, mixed mediums, etching and letterpress. California Society of Printmakers is the oldest continuously operating association of printmakers in the United States. The gallery is open Wed.-Fri. 12-5 and Sat. 11-3. www.firehousearts.org.

Nicole Wakeman, mixed media artist, Work displayed at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore during the month of August. Reception on Sun., Aug. 4, 1 p.m. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Fine Art on Friday, 10 a.m. with Art Critique & Coffee at the Corner Bakery Cafe, Pleasanton Gateway Plaza. Professional, Local and Emerging Artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Claudette for more information 510 543-4776.

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

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PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The

Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2013 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 through high school to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

Ukulele Circle, July 13th and July 27th. Meetings are held the 2nd and last Saturday of each month from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Firehouse First Fridays: Free Summer Events at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. August 2. All free and open to the public. Events include: Open mic on Firehouse Theater Stage anchored by special guest acts, Harrington Art Gallery exhibits, art demonstrations by noted collage, mixed media, paint and fiber artists, and children's art projects led by Debbie Wardrope and Young Rembrandts. Other activities include face painting by Lighthouse Faces, balloons, light refreshments, and Firehouse staff on hand to chat and answer questions. Firehouse Arts Center is located in downtown Pleasanton at 4444 Railroad Avenue. For information, visit www.firehouse-arts.org, or call 925-931-4848.

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

The Winemaker's Pour House, live music and special events: Live music: July 18, 6:30-9:30, Paul Tolle; July 19, 7-10, Blues on the Patio with Evan Thomas; July 20, 7-10, Bones-Quigley; July 21, 4-7, Chris Ahlman; July 23, 6:30-9:30, Catalyst 21st Century; July

25, 6:30-9:30, Joey T; July 26, 7-10, Frankie Bones and the Fire Hazard; July 27, 7-10, Roger Kardinal; July 28, 4-7, Joey T "Jam" evening. Events: Wine 102 classes, 4-5:30 p.m. Sat., July 20. Evening with the winemaker, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wed., July 24 featuring newly transplanted Ehrenberg Cellars, with winemaker and owner Chris Ehrenberg. 2241 First St., Livermore. www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656.

Taste our Terroir, Thursday through Sunday, July 18-21, 2013: Livermore Valley's premier food and wine affair spans four delectable days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Taste pairings and cast a vote for the coveted People's Choice award. Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host cooking classes, barrel seminars, vineyard tours and more. Saturday night, guests join winemakers for a varietal dinner in an elegant wine country setting. Tickets and information at www.lvwine.org

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday July 19th, "Evening in the Vineyards," free concert at Las Positas Vineyards from 6-9pm featuring live music by James Nagel. Wine, beer and Artisan pizzas crafted by One the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To make reservations please call 925-449-9463 or contact info@laspositasvineyards.com

A Taste for Giving!, a fund-raiser for Fertile GroundWorks. Wed., July 24, 6 to 9 p.m. Crooked Vine Winery, 4948 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Wine and food plus music by the Hurricane Band. Wine tasting and a silent auction. Meet DJ Gary Mora from KVA Radio 1260. \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/395305. For more information, go to www.fertilegroundworks.org or www.facebook.com/FertileGroundWorks or call 925 963-8019.

Charles R Fourth Friday Evenings on the Patio, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Fri., July 26. Charles R Vineyards & Winery, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. \$10 includes wine, music and appetizers. Michael James will perform lots of oldies, but goodies. 925-454-3040

Cuda Ridge 6th Annual Vintage Tasting and Car Show, Saturday and Sunday, July 27th and 28th from 12:00 - 4:30 at the 5385 East Avenue location in Livermore. Live Music both days with The Cat Fish Boys on Saturday; and Roger Kardinal and Steve L'Herauld on Sunday. Bart's Blazin' Q sliders, sandwiches and ribs available for purchase. There are special wine discounts available through the weekend. If you are interested in entering your car in the car show, contact Larry at info@CudaRidgeWines.com. The

Vintage Tasting is \$10.00 per person which includes wine tasting and keep the logo glass, for Cuda Cadre wine club members the tasting is complementary. For more information on the Vintage Tasting, and Car Show Registration, go to www.CudaRidgeWines.com.

Yoga & Wine, Unwind with Fifth Generation Winemaker Karl D. Wente and Vinyasa Yoga instructor Suzanna Spring in an invigorating series of yoga and wine tasting. July 30 and August 27. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards vineyard lawn area. 456-2300.

Wood Family Vineyards 10th Annual Release Party, Aug. 10 and 11, noon to 4:30 p.m. Live bands both days. Wines will be paired with gourmet cheeses. \$10 per person and keep your crystal logo wine glass (waived for "Extended Family" club members). www.wood-familyvineyards.com

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Shamrock'n Sundays Concert Series. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin, 5 p.m. July 21, Jukebox Heroes; Aug. 18, Finding Stella. Bring beach chairs or blankets and a picnic or purchase a delicious dinner from several food vendors which will be onsite. No pets please. For more information call 925-556-4500.

Tri-Valley Medieval and Renaissance Collegium playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. Information collegium2011@gmail.com or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue--the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month.. from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Jazz in July at the Livermore Public Library, Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Charged Particles, Sun., July 21, 2 p.m. FivePlay, Sun., July 28, 2 p.m. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Jazz in July series. No admission charge. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Top Shelf's Johnny 'T': A Salute to the Songs of Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin. Bay Area favorite Johnny Trotman returns with his popular performing group along with special guest Felicia White. Famous for their hit shows Motown Madness and Disco Fever, Top Shelf pays tribute to the legends of soul, with songs including "Hit the Road Jack, Chain of Fools, and, of course, Respect. Saturday, July 20, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.wentevineyards.com

firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.

A Cabaret Gone Choral II, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 27, 2 and 8 p.m. and July 28, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

An Evening with Chicago, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Mon., Aug. 5. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Keiko Matsui, Japanese-born pianist and composer, plays contemporary smooth jazz. Aug. 17, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The World of Webber, A Cabaret Tribute To the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber (2013), Aug. 10, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Chris Botti, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Mon., Aug. 19. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Ottmar Liebert, flamenco guitarist and composer. Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Tri-Valley High: The Series. Creatures of Impulse, the Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe, presents their summer classic. July 24 and 31 at 7:30 p.m., the troupe performs the episodic, live, improvised teen soap opera, full of mesmerizing teen angst. Audience members help create the characters, location, and plot for this interactive and un-scripted adventure. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets students \$5 advance, \$8 door; adults \$10 advance, \$15 door. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

"Double, Double Toil and Trouble": 31st season of Free Shakespeare in the Park with the City of Pleasanton present Macbeth. Shakespeare's dramatic masterpiece of suspense, intrigue, swordplay and witchcraft. Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., June 29 - July 14 in Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park, at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The performance lawn is next to the Aquatics Center. For more information,

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

visit www.sfsakes.org.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival

presents William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and the madcap comedy of manners, *The Liar*, adapted by David Ives from a farce by Pierre Corneille. The productions play in repertory June 20 – July 21 under the stars at Concannon Vineyard. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes.org or 1-800-838-3006. For more information call (925) 443-BARD.

Staged reading of The Language

Archive by Julia Cho, a comedy about a linguist who must learn the words for love. The third DMT Bare Bones series in the 2013-2014 season: edgier pieces by contemporary writers. One performance. 8 p.m. Appropriate for ages 15 and up. July 30, 2013. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Kabaret...for Kids!

Cabaret and theater star Samantha Samuels hosts her Musical Variety Show for children and their families. Kabaret for Kids returns again this summer to the Firehouse Arts Center, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8-\$12, and available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Oliver, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre

mainstage musical, weekends July 20 to Aug. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Foreigner, Tri-Valley Repertory

Theatre production. Aug. 17-25, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Lamplighters Music Theater, Gilbert

& Sullivan's Iolanthe. Aug. 24, 8 p.m. and Aug. 25, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

COMEDY

Comedy Uncorked, Saturday, July

27 – 7:30 pm (grounds open at 6:00 pm). Performing: Jeff Applebaum, Kellen Erskine, Faith Alpher. Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Ave, Livermore. Tickets \$25 advance/\$30 at door. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen. www.comedyuncorked.com/

MOVIES

Civil War on Film, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Lincoln; July 19, 2 p.m. Conspirator. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

The Rocky Horror Picture Show,

interactive Sing-Along Film, featuring "Bawdy Caste," 8:30 p.m. Fri., July 19. Smith Center Outdoor Amphitheatre, under the stars at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont. \$7 general admission, \$2 event parking. 510-659-6031, online tickets www.smithcenter.com

The Cinema at Wente Vineyards, All

movies are complimentary and start at twilight. Wines available by the bottle or glass. July 18 *The Hunger Games*; August 8 *Wreck-It Ralph*. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 456-2305.

Movies outdoors, compliments of the

City of Pleasanton. All films will be shown on a giant screen that measures 26 feet diagonally. The movies will begin at dusk at Amador Valley Community Park, located at 4301 Black Avenue. July 18, *ParaNorman*; July 25, *Brave*; Aug. 1, *Hotel Transylvania*; Aug. 8, *The Amazing Spiderman*; Aug. 15, *The Avengers*. For more information about the film series, please call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

Picnic Flix, movies begin at dusk,

approx. 8:30 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Aug. 2, *Angels in the Outfield*; Aug. 23, *Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3*. No pets please. 556-4500 for more information.

Movies on the Lawn, Dougherty Station

Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Free admission, free popcorn. Aug. 9: *Ghostbusters*; Aug. 16: *Goonies*. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or low lawn chairs. Call (925) 973-3200 for more information. Movies on the Lawn are sponsored by the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Library Foundation.

DANCE

Friday Evening Group Dance! Learn

how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Monty Python's Spamlot, auditions for

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Sun., July 21 and Mon., July 22, 7 p.m. Callbacks Sat., July 27, 10 a.m. (invitation only). 32 bars comedic song, be ready to dance, cold read from script, British accent attempted, (dialect coach will be used for production), bring headshot and resume, audition form, and conflict calendar must be completed. Rehearsals begin in Pleasanton on August 12, 2013 and performances are Saturday Oct. 19th through–Sun., Nov. 3rd 2013 at the Bankhead Theatre in Livermore. Information at www.trivalleyrep.org

Acoustic Guitar Competition, This year

LVPAC Guitar Fest LIVE!, Sept. 6-8, will host its second annual Acoustic Guitar Competition. The grand prize winner will be selected from the finalists invited to perform before a panel of expert judges and live audience at the competition finals Sunday September 8, 2013 on the Artistic Edge Stage at



The Bishop Ranch Rangoli Art Walk will be held Mon., July 22-Wed., July 24, all day both days at 6111 Bollinger Canyon Road (Bishop Ranch 1) and 2623 Camino Ramon (Bishop Ranch 3) in San Ramon. A colorful form of Indian folk art, Rangoli are decorative designs made on courtyard and living room floors during Hindu festivals to bring good luck. The patterns are typically created using rice, flour and sand to which natural colors are added. Flowers and petals are also used. For information, contact community and outreach at 543-0100.

Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore. Contest entry deadline is July 31, 2013. www.guitarfestlive.com/
Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 41st annual Competition for Young Musicians, open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside in or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from www.livamsymph.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947. The application deadline is Oct. 6, 2013.

Auditions, "Carmen" Opera Chorus, for Livermore Valley Opera fall production. Auditions 10:30 a.m. Sat., July 27. For information, contact Pat Goard at (925) 443-6563 or goardp@att.net

OPERA

21st Annual Opera in the Vineyard, 5 to 8 p.m. July 21. Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore. Arias a la Carte will be featured. www.livermorevalleyopera.com for tickets and information.

MISCELLANEOUS

Teens Only Program, July 18, 25, Aug.

1, 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Amador Recreation Center at 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Activities designed for ages 13 to 18. The fee is \$5 for one Thursday, or \$15 to attend all five Thursday night events. Pre-registration is required at www.pleasantonfun.com. For more information, please call Rachel Mariscal at (925) 931-3434.

Political Issues Book Club meets the

4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

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Wine tasting and a silent auction. Meet DJ Gary Mora from KYA Radio 1260.

\$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/395305. For more information, go to www.fertilegroundworks.org or www.facebook.com/FertileGroundWorks or call 925 963-8019.

A Celebration of the Arts, opening

ceremony Aug. 3, 1 to 4 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Livermore Cultural Arts Council, showcase of local art groups in the area. Display Aug. 2-30. Opening event features live performances.

Firehouse First Fridays Open House,

Aug. 2, 5 to 7 p.m. Activities range from Open Mic in the Firehouse Theater, the show in the Harrington Art Gallery to a hands-on art project for the kids. Free event. Open to all ages. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

The Great Cats! Valley Humane Society

(VHS), Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 6 to 10:30 pm at the Veteran's Hall in downtown Pleasanton. The event benefits the animal rescue programs and community services of VHS. Casino games, big band sounds, food, silent auction. Tickets are just \$65 per person, with an optional poker tournament buy-in an additional \$35 each. Tournament is limited to 24 entrants. Tickets and tournament registration available online at valleyhumane.org. The Veteran's Hall is located at 301 Main Street, Pleasanton.

2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon

Series, July 25, 11:30 a.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Annual Innovation Forum. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.

Summer Wine Stroll, July 27, 5 to 8

p.m. Main St., Downtown Pleasanton. Tickets and information at www.pleasantondowntown.net.

2013 Intermediate Little League World

Series, inaugural event July 30-Aug. 5 at Max Baer Park, Livermore. Hosted by California District 57 Little League and Granada Little League. Championship game, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. U.S. champ versus international champ. www.intermediateworldseries.org.

16th Annual Pooch Parade, Wed., Aug.

7 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Event runs in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging for the Pooch Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks at 6:30 p.m. and the parade at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For

complete details and to download registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

A Starry Night in the Caribbean,

fund-raiser hosted by Pleasanton North Rotary, Sun., Sept. 21, 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John's Place, Pleasanton. Includes no host cocktail reception with appetizers, live steel drum music, silent auction, buffet dinner live auction and raffle

drawing, music and dancing and Mike Darby's cigar bar. \$100 per person until Sept. 1. Dress is resort formal. Now taking reservations for full tables and Cabanas (for corporate sponsors) at www.astarrynight.org. Contact Event Chair Tina Case 925-519-0669 or Tina@coenow.com for information.

1st Wednesday Street Party, Dog Days

of Summer, August 7, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net

Ice Cream Social, Aug. 11, Ravenswood

Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Ice Cream, cookies, and hot dogs are for sale. Demonstrations, Music, and more. Tours and Gift Shop. Operated by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. www.larp.dst.ca.us

An Evening with Pleasanton Firefighters,

Tues., Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, Join past and present firefighters as they share their experiences and memories through the years. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Fireman's Muster "Reunion," August

17, return to the Pleasanton Musters of the 1970s. Sponsored by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and LPPD Firefighters' Foundation. Activities begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, events begin at 9 a.m. The muster benefits the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. www.museumonmain.org

2013 Wine Country Summer Lun-

cheon Series, Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m. Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Speaker to be announced. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.

Cat Show, the Golden Gate Cat Club is having its annual show at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, on Aug. 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Young cat lovers will be invited to bring their favorite stuffed or toy kitty from home. The toy kitties will be judged in a special ring for ribbons. Rescue cats available for adoption. 934-3471 for information.

148th Scottish Gathering & Games,

presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. August 31 and Sept. 1 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Gates open at 8 a.m. each day. Dance, music, athletic contests, entertainment, food and fun for all ages. www.thescottishgames.com

Milestones

Community

Education

Livermore School District Appoints New Director of Special Education

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) announced the appointment of MaryAnn Frates as Director of Special Education. She began her official duties July 1, 2013. Mr.

George Anich, former Director for Special Education, will assume the role of Special Education Director and SELPA Director for Vallejo City Unified School District. Anich stated, "It has been a pleasure serving Livermore's special needs community. I will always cherish the memories of the wonderful families I have known and the outstanding District staff that helped us to support our students."

Frates comes to the District with an extensive back-

ground in special education, professionally and in her own educational growth. She holds a master's degree in public administration, a multiple subject teaching credential, and an education specialist instruction credential. In addition, she is in the process of completing her EdD for Educational Leadership. She is coming to LVJUSD from Castro Valley Unified School District where, for the past three years, she served as Coordinator of Special Education.

Frates was born and raised in San Leandro, where she still resides. She currently sits on San Leandro's Human Services Commission. In addition she spent one year as an

AmeriCorps volunteer in San Diego, CA, three years as a PeaceCorps Volunteer in the country of Tonga, and several years coaching basketball to elementary aged students.

Frates said that she is looking forward to joining the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and becoming part of its community.

"MaryAnn brings to her new role as LVJUSD Director of Special Education just the right combination of expertise, experience, and technical knowledge, enhanced by strong interpersonal skills, and an unwavering commitment to all students, particularly those with special needs. She will definitely be an asset to our leadership team," says Superintendent Kelly Bowers.

EDUCATION NOTES

The University of Wyoming lists 12 students from California on the 2013 spring semester Provost's Honor Roll. Among them is Brandon Joshua Fischer from Livermore. The Provost's Honor Roll consists of undergraduates who have completed at least six but fewer than 12 hours with a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Zaynib Hamze of Dublin graduated from the University of Detroit on May 11, 2013. Zaynib received a Bachelor of Science in BS-Criminal Justice.

Ackerman Selected to Chair Visit Tri-Valley Board of Directors

Visit Tri-Valley announced that Dave Ackerman, Director Marketing at Livermore Premium Outlets, has been named chairman of its board of directors. Ackerman replaces Faye Cater, Manager of Sales & Events at the Alameda County Fairgrounds as board chair. Ackerman's term will run during the current fiscal year – 2013-14.

Ackerman was elected to the position in a vote of Visit Tri-Valley's Executive Committee, which is comprised of: Ackerman; vice chair Debbie Gudmundson, Resi-

dence Inn, Pleasanton; treasurer Andrew Ebel, Goodguys Rod & Custom Association; secretary Marlene Fahrenkrog, Hyatt House, Pleasanton and Cater.

"What is really exciting at Visit Tri-Valley is there is a great, renewed energy in the organization," said Ackerman. "This is such an exciting time. People are waking up and seeing there are lots and lots of reasons to visit Tri-Valley. It's time to tap the barrel of Tri-Valley because the vintage is ready."

Other members of the

board are: Chris Chandler, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association; Catherine Cheda, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Livermore; Nany Fullmore, Marriott San Ramon; Rob Gapol, La Quinta Dublin; Tom Matteson, Courtyard by Marriott Livermore; Paul Munyasia, Holiday Inn Dublin; Michelle Peters, Beets Hospitality; Catherine Ralston, City of Livermore and rotating city partners: Jill Bergman, Town of Danville; Linda Smith, City of Dublin, Pamela Ott, City of Pleasanton and Greg Rogers, City of San Ramon.

Exhibit Looks at the Founding of San Ramon

A new exhibit focuses on the founding of the City of San Ramon and the process of forming a new city government. As part of the

City of San Ramon's 30th Anniversary, there is a new exhibit of items relating to the City's incorporation in 1983. The exhibit includes

campaign memorabilia from the City's first elections for City Council, and the minutes from the first City Council meeting. There are also pictures from the early days of San Ramon as an incorporated City.

This exhibit is in the Glass House Museum at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard.

The exhibit can be viewed when the Glass House Museum is open to the public on the 2nd Saturdays of the month with tours at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. A group tour can also be arranged during the week by calling (925) 973-3284.

The fee for a tour is \$5 per person. The exhibit will be in place through October 2013.

Military



Air Force Reserve Airman Donald S. Kavanagh (pictured at left) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Kavanagh is the son of Holliane Kavanagh of Gardnerville, Nev. He is a 1995 graduate of Livermore High School. He earned an associate degree in 2012 from Hartnell College, Salinas.

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BULLETIN BOARD

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Become a volunteer literacy tutor for the Livermore Public Library and make a real difference in someone's life! Over 60 adults are waiting for help. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Saturday, July 20, from 9AM-3PM. Tutors can volunteer any day or any time. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507.

Annual Gin Fizz Brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sun., July 21 at Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. The ladies of Emblem Club #413 will be serving a Gin Fizz Brunch. Menu includes ham, Eggs La Strada, fresh fruit, hash brown patties, sweet rolls, juices, and coffee. Price is \$15.00 and includes 1 drink ticket. Prepaid Reservations at Lodge Office. 925-455-8829.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, will meet on Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. The presentation by Ralph Severson will be on "Navigating the Family Search Website." Ralph has been an avid genealogist for 40 years. Currently he is the Director of the Oakland Family Search Library. He will give us background about the FamilySearch.org website. He will explain the various features - what is least important, worthwhile and of the greatest value. Ralph will explain how to use the records as well as how to use research Wiki, research courses and how to use Family Tree. Ralph's specialties are Portuguese, French, Southern States and recently an interest in Australia. Come learn how you can maximize your use of the Family Search.org website for your brick walls. For question contact Pat Notham Program Chairperson email: program@L-AGS.org. Visitors welcome, no charge.

Oliver Stone's documentary film, "South of the Border," will be shown Sat., July 27 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, the film starts around 7:00 PM, and a short discussion follows the 78 minute film, for those who wish to participate. This public event is free; although, a \$3.00 donation helps fund these events. In this film, Oliver Stone interviews the leaders and others who have affected great changes in the lives of South American people. This event provides wheelchair access, convenient parking, & A/C. For more info, call 926-462-3459.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 20, 25 or 45 miles, Feather Pedals ride, meet 8:30 a.m. at the Crank-2 cycle shop in Pleasanton, Rebecca Wood, 577-3842. Sun., July 21, 47 miles, Shannon Center to Moraga loop, meet 8:30 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2812. Wed., July 24, 30 miles from San Ramon's Central Park out Camino Tassajara to Finley Rd., Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on

where to meet and what to bring.

Arroyo del Valle Creek Clean-Up, Sat., Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Students ages 6 to 12 are invited to become a steward of the land and take part in a creek clean-up. Join staff from the Pleasanton Community Services Department and students from the Earth Club at Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School to clean the creek that runs through downtown. There is no cost for this event. For more information, please call (925) 931-3479.

Pleasanton Library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides as well as teaching volunteers how to develop teaching skills, craft curriculum, and gain experience. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, and fluent in American English and be able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to a student for a semester. For more information, email PennyJohnson@Cityof-PleasantonCa.gov, or call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Pleasantonians for Peace, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 24, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowing@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CARES), Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, July 18th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

Tri-Valley Democratic Club Summer BBQ & Pot Luck, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sun., Aug. 25, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Speakers, lots of food, fun crowd, invite your friends & family. www.TrivalleyDems.com

A Starry Night in the Caribbean, fund-raiser hosted by Pleasanton North Rotary, Sun., Sept. 21, 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John's Place, Pleasanton. Includes no host cocktail reception with appetizers, live steel drum music, silent auction, buffet dinner live auction and raffle drawing, music and dancing and Mike Darby's cigar bar. \$100 per person until Sept. 1. Dress is resort formal. Now taking reservations for full tables and Cabanas (for corporate sponsors) at www.astarzynight.org. Contact Event Chair Tina Case 925-519-0669 or TinaCase@coenow.com for information.

Moreau Catholic High School is hosting its inaugural Reunion Weekend for the classes ending in 3 and 8. Alumni are invited back to campus on July 19th and 20th to celebrate with friends, music, food and fun. Tickets start at \$45. Register online at www.moreaucatholic.org/reunionweek-end13 or call the Alumni Coordinator at 510-881-4360.

LHS Reunion, Did you graduate in 1982 or 1983 from Livermore High School? A combined 30 year reunion is planned for this August 10th, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Robert Livermore Community Center. lhsclassof82and83@yahoo.com

Volunteer visitors, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for

Volunteers for their Friendly Visitor Program. The Friendly Visitor Program aims to decrease the isolation of a homebound senior by matching volunteers with seniors who share similar interests. Volunteers may also provide occasional transportation to errands. Please contact Mary or Lorie at 931-5388 on how to become a Friendly Visitor.

16th Annual Pooch Parade, Wed., Aug. 7 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Event runs in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging for the Pooch Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks at 6:30 p.m. and the parade at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Beginners Internet and e-mail classes, Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn to keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Lunch in Livermore, July 25, noon. RSVP by July 22 to David, 833-7647. Family dinner at Columbo Club, July 27, 6:30 p.m., RSVP by calling Gino, 243-1281. Poppy Ridge lunch in Livermore, July 28, 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Ruby by July 26, 462-9636. Lunch in Pleasanton, July 30, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by July 27 to David, 833-7647.

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@crl-online.org. All services are free.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: gloriosos4@comcast.net

Operation: S.A.M. "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore.

S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fcpl.us or 925-447-2078.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or www.uucil.org

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). 925-447-1246.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; workshops on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. 449-6820

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462,

services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Summer Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry-Moore, Rector: 9:30 am Eucharist with music (child care for children 5 and under provided). The two service schedule, Godly Play and Youth Group programs will resume on September 8.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don

& Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Summer Sunday worship at 9:30 am with childcare and Sunday school. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, minister. All are welcome. www.lynwood.org. 925 846-0221.

Centerpoint Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointchurch.org 925-846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Grief Workshop, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evening at 7:30pm. July 25th, August 8th & 22nd. No preregistration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerly at 925-846-5377 for more information.

Summer Light workshops, Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm. Led by Rev. Karen Epps, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Love offering basis. More information: revkarenut@gmail.com (925) 829-2733, press 1. See www.trivalleyunity.com for a complete list of all the Summer Light workshops under Services and Classes.

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Singing Bowls & Spoken Word Workshop - Thurs., July 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Music of crystal bowls, poetry, circle of dancing led by Revs. Lennis Baugh and Karen Epps. Love offering basis. For more info: revkarenut@gmail.com See www.trivalleyunity.com for a complete list of all the Summer Light Workshops under Services and Classes. (925) 829-2733, press 1.

Eckankar, "Laughter, a Gift from God" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, July 21, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrialley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Milestones Community

Datron Dynamics Open Technology Center in Livermore



DATRON Dynamics' West Coast Manager Chris Hopkins cuts the ribbon marking the official opening of the company's West Coast Technology Center in Livermore.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last week for the new "Technology Center" opened by DATRON Dynamics at 6250 Preston Avenue in Livermore. DATRON Dynamics is the North American representative of DATRON AG – manufacturer of German-engineered high-speed machining centers, dental milling machines and fluid-dispensing machines.

Similar to DATRON Dynamics' East Coast Technology Center, the location in Livermore showcases its popular machine models and allows the company to demonstrate the advanced capabilities of this equipment by milling "benchmark" parts for prospective customers.

According to DATRON Dynamics' West Coast Manager, Chris Hopkins, there were many reasons for opening this office. He

explains, "We have a significant West Coast customer base and it is growing. Having a location in the same time zone and within driving distance allows us to support them in real time. It also enables us to provide West Coast manufacturers with applications consulting and show them how fast their parts can be made on a DATRON."

Additionally, DATRON machines are often used for micro-machining of medical, aerospace and electro-mechanical components such as housings, enclosures, adapters, connectors, fixtures, heat sinks, membrane switches and front panels. Therefore, having a location on the outskirts of Silicon Valley was logical according to DATRON Dynamics Vice President, Robert Murphy. "The largest technology companies in the world use DATRON

equipment for prototyping and manufacturing. It makes sense for us to be closer to our West Coast customers so that we can help solve their most challenging problems. We've wanted to do this for a long time so today is a very special day."

Back at their location in Milford, New Hampshire, Dental CAD/CAM Product Manager, Jordan Greenberg is equally optimistic about the potential market for DATRON's D5 Dental Milling Machine. "The dental lab CAD/CAM industry is transitioning from soft, ceramic materials to more industrial-type applications in titanium, so it's important for DATRON to demonstrate how our dental-specific D5 is able to accommodate all the added challenges. The West Coast office affords us the opportunity to not only showcase this new technology nationwide, but support the customers better once

they adopt it."

The D5 Dental Mill is one of the demonstration machines featured at the new Technology Center in Livermore. This compact 5-axis machine was designed specifically for dental milling applications like complex titanium implant bars, as well as custom abutments, crowns and bridges made from a wide variety of dental materials – from titanium to zirconium. The D5 is the only machining center in the world to be

controlled by an Apple iPad and fits through a standard 36 inch door.

Next to the D5 sits DATRON's newest model, the M8Cube, which represents all of the company's latest advancements in high-speed machining technology. This includes brushless, direct drives that provide fast acceleration, feed rates up to 866 inches per minute and short cycle times. A 3kW, 40,000 RPM, liquid-chilled spindle delivers greater horsepower for heavier ma-

chining, as well as the flexibility to mill a wide range of materials.

Joining DATRON at the ribbon cutting ceremony today were local Livermore officials and a range of DATRON customers including Elma Electronic, Robson Technologies, Image Dental Studio, Western Rubber & Supply, Ellis & Ellis Sign Systems and Sine-tific Solutions. The next scheduled event at the new Technology Center is a Dental Workshop scheduled for October 5.

Mirador Capital Partners Hires Sanctuary Wealth Services

Five-Member Team From Morgan Stanley Creates Independent Firm

Mirador Capital Partners, an investment management firm serving individuals, families and businesses, today announced that it has hired Sanctuary Wealth Services to support its new business.

Mirador Capital Partners provides comprehensive wealth management services, including a family of investment portfolios that includes the flagship Garman Global Growth & Income portfolio launched in 1980. Mirador works with clients who are saving for retirement, planning for education, growing a business, transferring wealth across generations, and building a legacy through philanthropy.

Sanctuary will support Mirador with strategic business, operational, compliance and marketing support.



Dan Garman

Mirador has chosen Charles Schwab & Co. as its primary custodian.

Mirador's founder is Pleasanton resident Don Garman, who has 21 years of investment management experience.

Joining him is Jason Pfannenstiel, who has 10 years of investment management experience, Carol Wikle, who has 14 years

of investment management experience and Dan Murray, who has 18 years of investment management experience; and Audrey Glafkides who has more than 25 years of industry experience. All five worked together at Morgan Stanley prior to Mirador.

"Mirador Capital Partners is a closely held business run by family members and long-time associates who can now offer our clients all the advantages of being an independent firm," Garman said. "As the wealth management industry continues to evolve, we recognized that working with the team at Sanctuary was the best way to serve our clients and maintain control over our business."

For more information about Mirador Capital Partners, visit www.miradorcp.com, or call 925.523.3760.